

Facts for Parents and Caregivers

SAFEGUARD YOUR CHILDREN: VACCINATE TODAY



COVID-19 & Other Vaccines are Available for Children 6 Months and Older

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone 6 months and older. Parents and families should get their young children vaccinated for COVID-19 as soon as possible and stay up to date with boosters.

As your children return to childcare, school, and other in-person activities, it is also important to make sure they are up to date on all vaccinations. These vaccinations, including the flu shot, can be given at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine. If your children are behind on their vaccinations, this is a great time to catch up.

Find Vaccines



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infant, child, or teen:

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to find an IHS, tribal, or urban
Indian health facility

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Text your ZIP code to 438829*

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* Includes vaccination locations
outside of the Indian health system.

Common Questions

How do I know if my child or family members are due for a booster?

Everyone 6 months and older who has received a COVID-19 vaccine or first booster is due for an updated booster. The updated booster works against the types of COVID-19 that are causing most of the COVID infections in our communities right now. You and your family can use the CDC Booster Tool to see if you are up to date, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>.

My child has already had COVID-19. Do they still need the vaccine or booster?

Even if children have had COVID-19, they should still get vaccinated. You can get some protection from having COVID-19, but you can get added protection by getting vaccinated.



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Why should babies, children, and teens get vaccinated for COVID-19?

Just like adults, children and teens of all ages who get COVID-19 can:

- Get very sick, including sometimes being hospitalized or dying
- Have both short- and long-term health problems
- Spread COVID-19 to others
- Miss out on activities and community events, such as childcare and school.

Getting children and teens vaccinated against COVID-19 can help keep them from getting really sick if they do get COVID-19.

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for all children?

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for all children, including children with disabilities or health conditions. The vaccine has been shown to be effective at preventing severe illness from COVID-19 and limiting the spread of the virus that causes it.

Hundreds of millions of COVID-19 vaccine doses already have been given to people in the United States, including over 2 million doses given in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

What are the side effects?

Reported side effects are mild, temporary, and like those experienced after routine vaccines. Side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine can vary from person to person. Side effects generally go away in a few days.

What other routine vaccinations should my child receive?

Talk with your health care provider about which vaccines your child should receive. A full list of recommended vaccines by age is available here: <http://bit.ly/SafeguardVaccine>

