

# COVID-19 Vaccines

## What Parents of Minors Should Know

### Why should children get vaccinated?

Since March 2020, about 1.5 million children in the United States have gotten COVID-19. Children account for over 20 percent of new COVID-19 cases.

Getting vaccinated will help children stay safe at school and hang out with their friends and family again. They'll be much less likely to get seriously ill, be hospitalized, or die from COVID-19.

### Which vaccine should minors get?

Minors (12 -17 years old) are eligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.



Clinical trials showed that this vaccine was proven to work very well at preventing COVID-19 in youth.

Other COVID-19 vaccines haven't been authorized for youth yet.

### Does my child need a second shot?



Yes, the Pfizer vaccine is two doses given 21 days apart. Your child must get the Pfizer vaccine for both doses

Ask to schedule an appointment for your child's second dose when they are getting their first dose.

### What does the COVID-19 vaccine do?

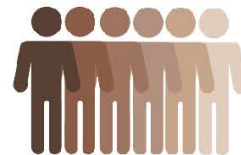


The COVID-19 vaccine trains your body to build defenses to the disease that keep you from getting sick.

### Are the vaccines safe?

Yes. The Pfizer vaccine was tested on **thousands** of youth and shown to be safe. It was also very effective - none of the youth volunteers who got the vaccine got COVID-19.

The vaccine was shown to be safe across people of many races and those with health conditions.



The Department of Health checks safety reports regularly to make sure there are no safety concerns.

### When can children see their friends and other family members?

People are fully vaccinated two weeks after their final dose.

Visit our website [lifeaftervaccine.org](https://lifeaftervaccine.org) for more Information on how your child can continue to protect themselves and their community.



### For more information



Visit: [COVIDVaccineWA.org](https://COVIDVaccineWA.org) or [DOH.WA.GOV/Coronavirus](https://DOH.WA.GOV/Coronavirus)



Call: 1-833-VAX-HELP (1-833-829-4357), Press #

Language assistance is available.

**Vaccinate WA**

[CovidVaccineWA.org](https://CovidVaccineWA.org)

**Minors are eligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.**  
**Not all providers and vaccination sites carry it, so you may need to check a few places**

## Where can minors get vaccinated?



Child's health provider



Mass vaccination clinics



Local pharmacies



Pop-up or community clinics

## How do minors get an appointment?



Call your child's provider or make an appointment online for them.

Visit our website: **[vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov](https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov)**

Or call 1-833-VAX-HELP (1-833-829-4357), then press #  
Language assistance is available.

You may hear about the clinic from a friend or community member. Ask them how to sign up.

## What should minors bring to their vaccine appointment?

In most cases, parents and guardians will need to provide consent to vaccination for someone under age 18. Ask the vaccine location what they need for consent.

They may be asked for the following, but children do not need to give them:

- identification
- insurance card
- social security number



**Children do not need to be a U.S. citizen to get the vaccine. They will not ask for anyone's immigration status.**

**Personal data will only be used for public health purposes.**

## What are the side effects?

Side effects are common. Just like adults, your child may feel:

### Throughout their body:

- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea



### On the arm where your child got the shot:

- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling



It is common to experience stronger side effects after the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

Call 911 if your child has an allergic reaction. You can report any side effects your child feels: **[vaers.hhs.gov](https://vaers.hhs.gov)**.

## How much does the vaccine cost?

The COVID-19 vaccine is available at no cost to you or your child. You should not be charged or get a bill.



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