COVID-19 Vaccination Facts for Youth

Good news: Everyone 5 years and older is now eligible for vaccination against COVID-19.

Pfizer is the only COVID-19 vaccine currently approved under FDA Emergency Use Authorization for children, adolescents and teens, aged 5-17 years. This vaccine has been studied and tested with thousands of youth and adults, and was shown to be extremely safe in all age groups.

**Vaccination works:** Over 75% of Americans have already had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. And the kids, teens, and adults who have been vaccinated are much less likely to get COVID-19, to pass it to others, or to get severe sickness from COVID.

COVID-19 is Dangerous for Kids – the Vaccine in Safe
Unvaccinated children and teens have been hospitalized and died from COVID-19. For some youth, the infection continues to cause long-term dangerous effects that lasts for months or years. **The vaccine prevents this severe illness in almost all children who receive it and does not have long-term side effects**

Unvaccinated children also spread COVID-19 to older relatives and caregivers who may get very ill once infected. Vaccinating kids and teens prevents much of this spread.

**Side effects?**
All medicines have side effects. The most common side effects of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine are a sore arm where you got the vaccine, sore muscles or joints, headache, tiredness, fever, or chills. These effects are not dangerous, and typically go away within 1 or 2 days.

**The Bottom Line**
- Vaccination is a normal part of childhood.
- Everyone 5 years and older can now be vaccinated against COVID-19.
- The vaccine protects the person receiving the vaccine, and their friends and family.
- Sign up for vaccination at MyTurn.CA.gov or visit Alameda County COVID-19 webpage to find a location near you.

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