



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 is 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.**