

Colorado kids 5 to 11 and the COVID-19 vaccine: **WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW**



Medical experts recommend that everyone 5 years and older get the COVID-19 vaccine

These vaccines are free and require no health insurance or identification



The kids' vaccine is **90% effective** in preventing infection and **100% effective** at preventing severe disease and death

More than **3,100 children** age 5 to 11 safely received the vaccine in clinical trials with no severe side effects



Millions of 12- to 17-year-olds have already safely been vaccinated



The vaccine dose recommended for children is just **one third** of the vaccine dose given to people 12 and older



The science behind mRNA COVID-19 vaccines is not new; scientists have been studying it for decades



About **1 in 4** cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. are among those ages 17 and younger



COVID-19 can put kids at risk of severe illness and even death; the vaccine is the best protection we can offer kids against it

Here's what parents should expect:



Vaccination requires two shots about three weeks apart

Mild side effects such as headache, fatigue or low-grade fever show your child's body is mounting an immune response, which is good



Other vaccines, such as the flu vaccine, can be given at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine

Making sure your child is vaccinated against COVID-19 will allow them to return to normal childhood activities



Get your questions answered and schedule an appointment for your child's vaccination:
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/kids-vaccines>

