

COVID-19 vaccines are

safe, effective and free

for kids 5 and older



The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for kids 5-11 will protect them from serious illness and get them back to safely being with their family and friends.



There were no serious safety concerns or serious side effects noted in the clinical trials.

Clinical trials began in March 2021. The first phase of the trial initially enrolled 4,500 children ages six months to 11 years in more than 90 clinical trial sites around the world.



More than 3,000 children ages 5-11 participated in the trials.

This is comparable to the number included in many similar clinical trials with children. Trials included volunteers from different races and ethnicities, including Black and Hispanic/Latinx volunteers (77% white, 6% Black, 8% Asian, 17% Hispanic/Latino, 7% multiracial).



Children are given two doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

Each dose is one third the amount given to people 12 and older.



The vaccine is effective.

It produced similar immune responses in children 5-11 as in older kids and adults ages 16 to 25.



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reviews trials to determine if vaccines are safe.

An independent, scientific committee checks the work. Vaccines are authorized and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends their use.



Temporary side effects for kids 5-11 are similar to older kids and adults.

Your child may experience a temporarily sore arm, headache and being tired or achy for a day or so. Myocarditis, or inflammation of the heart muscle, is an extremely rare side effect with mostly mild cases. People usually recover on their own or need minimal treatment. No cases of myocarditis were seen during the clinical trials, ongoing monitoring will continue.