

# 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)



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