

# COVID-19 Vaccines and Children Ages 5–11

## Parent Guide

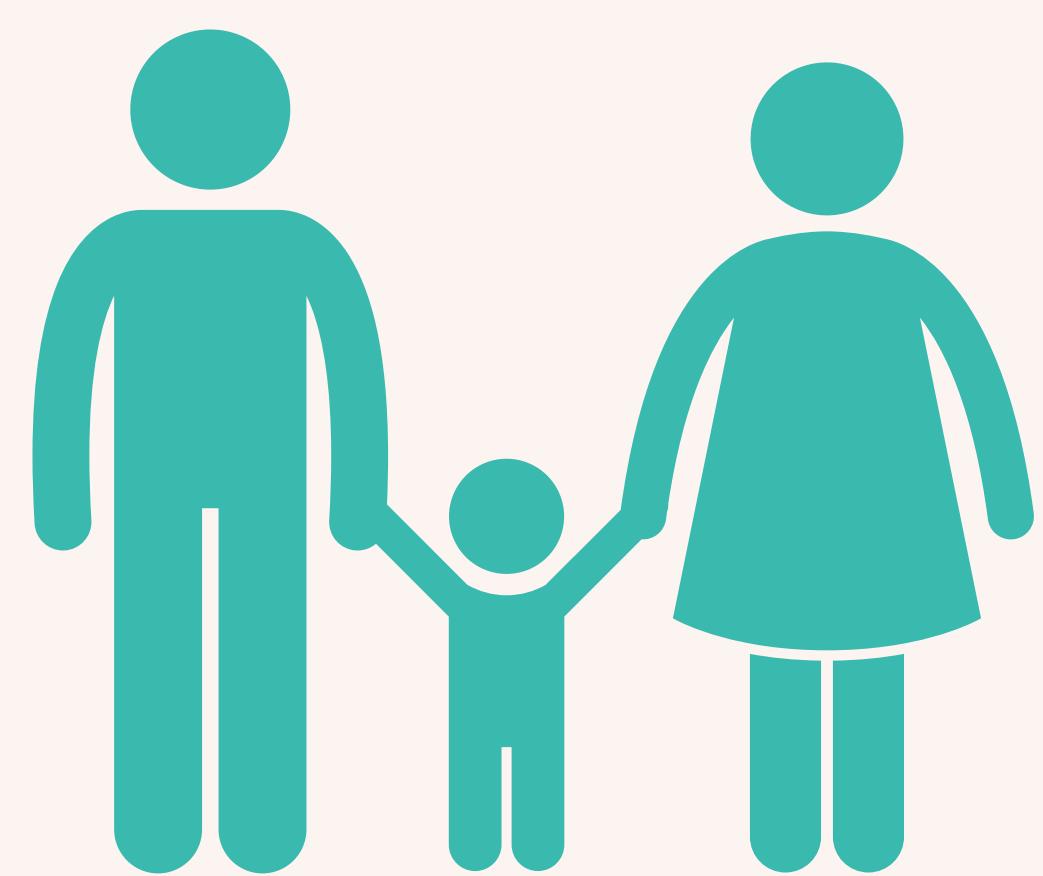
### Did you know?...

Pediatricians recommend that children 5 years and older get the COVID-19 vaccine

Vaccination is the best way to protect our children from COVID-19



1 out of every 500 children experienced COVID-19-associated orphanhood



140,000 children under age 18 in the United States lost a parent or grandparent caregiver who provided the child's home and basic needs, including love, security, and daily care since the start of the pandemic.

### The side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine are minor

The most common effects from the vaccine are arm soreness, headache, and tiredness for 1–2 days. All of these signs are normal. They show that the vaccine is working.



The child's COVID-19 dose is very small—just 10 micrograms!

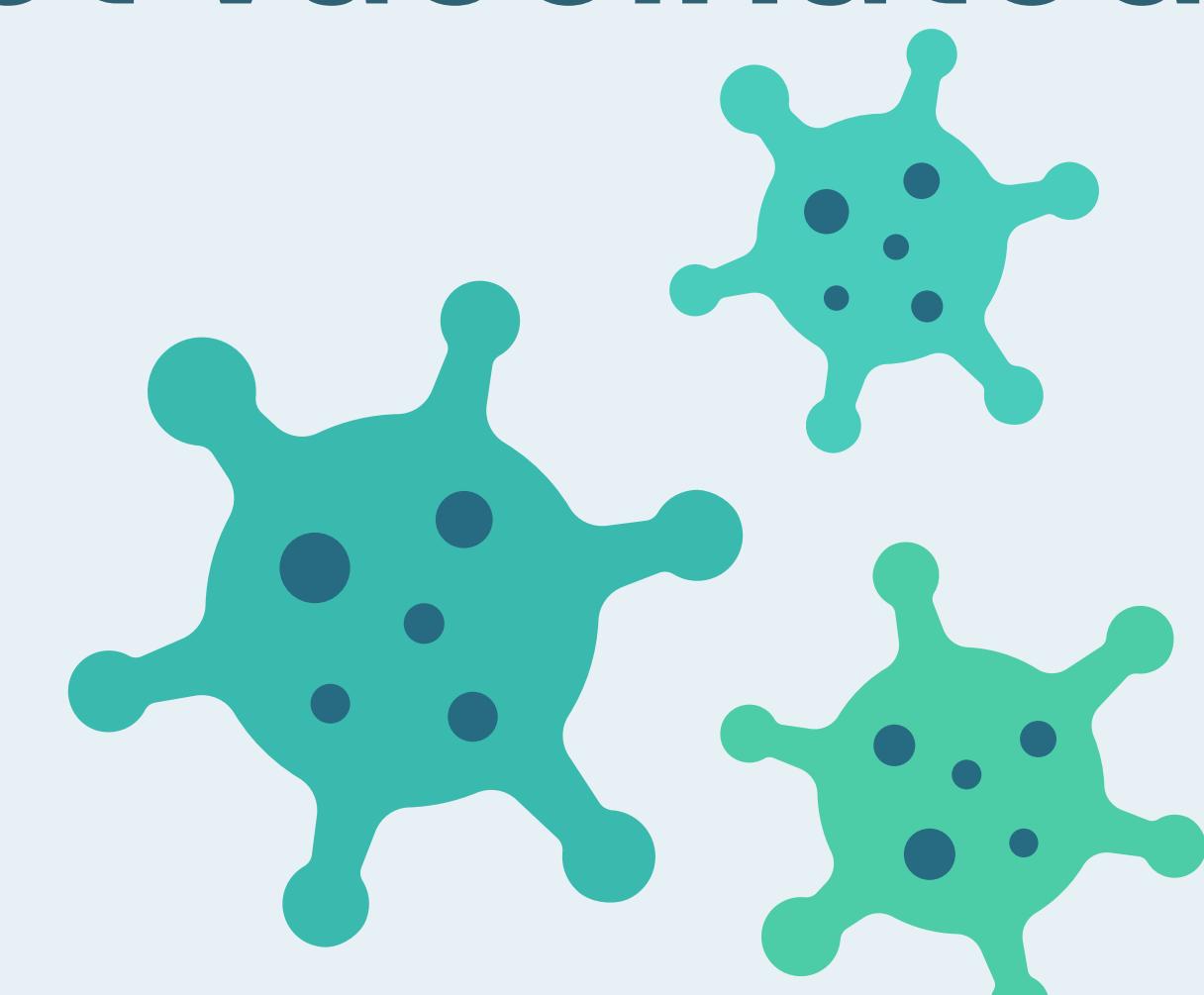
The children's dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5–11 is smaller than the adult vaccine and comes with an orange top. It is about one-sixth the weight of a single grain of salt!



Children are catching COVID-19 at the same rate as adults

Serious illness from COVID-19 is uncommon, but, the longer-term impacts on how the virus may harm long-term physical health of infected children.

6.4 million children have tested positive as of October 28th, 2021



### Children who have already had COVID-19 should get vaccinated

- Even if you have already had COVID-19, you can be infected again
- Natural immunity does not last as long as vaccine immunity



Your child may also receive routine immunizations at the same doctor's visit

It is safe for your child to receive routine immunizations, flu vaccine, and COVID-19 vaccine at the same visit

COVID-19 vaccinations help children stay in schools and activities



Now that schools are back in person, make sure your child stays healthy and in the classroom.



Where can my eligible child get the COVID-19 vaccine?

Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find a location near you



For more information visit- [ImmunizePA.org](http://ImmunizePA.org)



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