

COVID-19 FAQs
November 16, 2021

Q: The vaccine for children is approved for 5 -11 year-olds. Regarding safety and side effects, are there more concerns for a five or six-year-old receiving the vaccine than a 10 or 11-year-old? Five-year-olds are so much smaller in height and weight than an 11-year-old, and I'm wondering how the dosage is justified and whether it truly is safe for younger children?

From the COVID-19 Response Team

A: The dose for 5-11 year-olds is 1/3 of the dose that is given to people 12 and older. This dose was able to mount a good antibody response and also be low enough to not cause significant symptoms or side effects in kids 5-11.

Q: At CHLA, doctors are not able to order the COVID vaccine for those 5-11; what can they do? It gives us an error because of the age, but they qualify for the 5-11 dose.

From the COVID-19 Response Team

A: Starting November 11, the COVID vaccine for kids 5-11 is now orderable. Reminder that there is also a standing order for all COVID vaccines and boosters except full dose Moderna 3rd dose vaccine for people with moderate to severe immune suppression.

Q: Has our traveling policy been updated? With the holidays coming up, some will be traveling out of state and country.

From the COVID-19 Response Team

A: We follow the CDC, CDPH, and local public health recommendations for quarantine following travel. There are no quarantine recommendations for people that are fully vaccinated, but travelers may opt to get tested for COVID three to five days after returning from their trip and they should watch for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 at all times. Symptoms compatible with COVID-19 should be reported immediately to Employee Health to take appropriate testing and isolation precautions.

Q: Can administration still wear jeans in clinic during COVID?

From the COVID-19 Response Team

A: We have yet to hear direction on when we can anticipate fully enforcing the dress code. For the time being, administrative staff can continue wearing jeans, so long as it is paired with business casual attire.