

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: THE COVID-19 VACCINE FOR KIDS

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for all children age 5 and older. The vaccine is free for everyone, both kids and adults. You don't need to show proof of insurance or immigration to receive it.

Below are answers to parents' most frequently asked questions about getting their kids vaccinated.

SHOULD MY CHILD GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

Yes. Studies found the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to be safe and 90% effective in preventing symptomatic infection in kids ages 5-11 in clinical trials.

The vaccine helps prevent kids from getting COVID-19. While COVID-19 can be milder in kids than in adults, some kids will become very sick and require hospitalization. Kids can also have post-COVID complications or long-lasting symptoms.

By getting vaccinated, kids are less likely to get sick, allowing them to stay in school and participate in the things they enjoy. The vaccine also helps reduce the spread of COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine can protect kids and others around them.

If we want children to return to school, sports and social activities as safely as possible, they should be vaccinated against COVID-19. It is our best chance at getting back to normal.

HOW DOES THE VACCINE DOSAGE DIFFER FROM ADULTS?

For kids, the Pfizer vaccine dosage will be smaller, one-third of the adolescent and adult dosage. The needle being used will also be smaller.

Kids' immune systems are more sensitive than adults' so even with the smaller dose, their body will create a strong immune response.

Like adults and adolescents, kids ages 5- 11 will be fully vaccinated after two shots, given 21 days apart.

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

Young kids will generally experience similar but less severe side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine than adolescents or adults, says the FDA. Kids were far less likely to develop fever or chills after the vaccine than older kids or adults and overall their side effects were more mild.

WHEN WILL KIDS YOUNGER THAN 5 YEARS OLD BE ABLE TO GET THE VACCINE?

Right now, Pfizer is conducting clinical trials for its vaccine for kids as young as 6 months old. The trials for kids are split into three age groups: 5-11, 2-5, and 6 months to 2 years old.

Pfizer has said results from the clinical trials for kids under 5 could come as soon as the end of the year with federal review and approval hopefully a month or two later.

WHERE CAN MY CHILD GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

All Cook County Health sites will be offering the vaccine. To find hours and a site closest to you, visit myshotcookcounty.com. You can make an appointment or walk in.

The COVID-19 vaccine will continue to be offered in most physician offices. We know that families build trust with their pediatrician, particularly when it comes to vaccinations. Parents are encouraged to reach out to their family doctor with questions.

For full details, including weekend hours, or to make an appointment visit myshotcookcounty.com or call **833-308-1988**.



GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE WITH COOK COUNTY HEALTH!

AGE
5+

Walk-in hours

For additional community locations or to make an appointment
visit myshotcookcounty.com or call 833-308-1988.



Most sites offer*: 





ARLINGTON HEIGHTS HEALTH CENTER

3250 N. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS RD., SUITE 300
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8AM-6PM

AUSTIN HEALTH CENTER

4800 W. CHICAGO AVE.
CHICAGO, IL

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8AM-4PM
EVERY 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: 8AM-4PM

BELMONT CRAGIN HEALTH CENTER

5501 W FULLERTON AVE.
CHICAGO, IL

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY: 8AM-6PM
TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: 8AM-4PM
2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: 8 AM-4PM

BLUE ISLAND HEALTH CENTER

12757 S. WESTERN AVE.
BLUE ISLAND, IL

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8AM-6PM

COTTAGE GROVE HEALTH CENTER

1645 S. COTTAGE GROVE AVE.
FORD HEIGHTS, IL

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8AM-6PM

ENGLEWOOD HEALTH CENTER

1135 W. 69TH ST.
CHICAGO, IL

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 7AM-4PM
EVERY 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: 8AM-4PM

MORTON EAST HEALTH CENTER

2423 S. AUSTIN BLVD.
CICERO, IL

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8AM-4PM

NORTH RIVERSIDE HEALTH CENTER

1800 S. HARLEM AVE., SUITE A
NORTH RIVERSIDE, IL

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8AM-6PM

PRIETO HEALTH CENTER

2424 S. PULASKI RD.
CHICAGO, IL

MONDAY, THURURSDAY: 8AM-6PM
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 8AM-4PM
EVERY 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: 8AM-4PM

PROVIDENT HOSPITAL

500 E. 51ST ST., 6TH FLOOR
CHICAGO, IL

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30AM-4PM

ROBBINS HEALTH CENTER

13450 S. KEDZIE AVE.
ROBBINS, IL

MONDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY: 8AM-4PM
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: 8AM-6PM
EVERY 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: 8AM-4PM

RUTH M. ROTHSTEIN CORE CENTER

2020 W. HARRISON ST.
CHICAGO, IL

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: 8:30AM-4PM
TUESDAY: 8:30AM-5:30PM

STROGER HOSPITAL CAFETERIA

1969 W. OGDEN AVE.
CHICAGO, IL

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30AM-4PM

Clinic hours and vaccine availability are subject to change.

*The Pfizer vaccine is approved for children 5+ years old.

Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.