

THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS NOW AVAILABLE TO ANYONE 5 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER!



THE FDA HAS APPROVED EMERGENCY USE OF THE VACCINE IN AGES 5-11.



After undergoing rigorous clinical testing, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has given emergency use authorization for the COVID-19 vaccine to be given to children 5 - 11 years; an important step in the fight against COVID-19. All others 12 years and older should also get the shot. For those 12 years and older, the vaccine has been fully approved by the FDA.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

- Your child will need to get two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, three weeks apart.
- The COVID-19 vaccine protects your child, including children with disabilities, from getting sick with the COVID-19 virus.
- Your child cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.
- Side effects of the vaccine are generally mild in children. They may include pain at the injection site, fatigue, and body aches. If your child is non-verbal and cannot tell you if they are in pain, look out for non-verbal communication that they usually use to let you know that they aren't feeling well.
- It is safe for your child to get the COVID-19 and Flu shot at the same time.
- Even if your child has had COVID-19, they should still get the vaccine.
- Even after getting the vaccine, you and your child should continue to wear masks indoors, wash hands frequently, and follow all other safety precautions.

INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR CHILD GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

Many pharmacies, doctor's offices, and clinics offer same-day vaccinations.

Use one of the following methods to find a vaccine near you:

- Text your zip code to 438829
- Call 1-800-232-0233
- Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)
- [Schedule with Cincinnati Children's Hospital](#). Behavioral/emotional support is available for children who need it.



WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

There are many resources available to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine. Here are a few:

- [Preparing Your Child for the Shot](#)
- [Getting Vaccinated, A Social Story for Visual Learners](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained](#)
- [Vaccines: What You Need to Know](#)
- [UCCEDD Vax Learn More](#)
- [Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [Ohio Department of Health Frequently Asked Questions: Parents and Guardians of Children Eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)



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