



# COVID-19 Vaccination

## Now Approved for Children Ages 5 & Older

### What You Need to Know

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has approved the Pfizer-BioNTech Coronavirus vaccine for children ages 5 and older. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is the best protection against getting and spreading the coronavirus. It can help protect other family members who cannot get vaccinated or are at greater risk for health problems. The best thing you can do for your child, family and community is to get all eligible members of your family vaccinated.

Arkansas Total Care wants to help you stay safe. To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine or to find a vaccine location, visit [ArkansasTotalCare.com](https://www.ArkansasTotalCare.com) or speak to your Care Coordinator.

# COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions:

## ***What is the difference between the vaccine for children and the vaccine for teens and adults?***

The vaccine dosage for children ages 5-11 is one-third of the dosage given to older children and adults.

Even though the dose is smaller, the vaccine protects children just as well as the higher dosage protects teens and adults.

## ***Is the vaccine safe for my child?***

Yes, the vaccine is safe.

Anyone who gets vaccinated may experience side effects, which should go away within a few days. Side effects like fever, headache and fatigue have been reported. There were no reports of heart inflammation, called myocarditis, among the vaccinated children.

## ***Does my child need to get vaccinated? Aren't kids less likely to get COVID-19?***

The COVID-19 vaccine is the safest, most effective way to keep yourself and your family from getting COVID-19. Getting the vaccine makes your child less likely to get COVID-19 and if they do contract the virus, it helps lessen the severity of the illness.

## ***Is there any reason my child should not get the vaccine?***

According to the CDC, children should not get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine if they have a history of a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient (such as polyethylene glycol) in the vaccine. Allergic reactions to the vaccine are very rare. Talk with your child's doctor or pharmacist about any allergies your child has.

## ***Where can I get a vaccine for my child?***

You can call your child's doctor, your pharmacy or visit the Arkansas Department of Health website at [www.Healthy.Arkansas.gov](http://www.Healthy.Arkansas.gov).

All materials are available for written or oral translation, in your language or alternative formats at no cost by calling 1-866-282-6280 or TTY: 711.

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