

# 10 REASONS

## Why It's Important for Kids Age 5 to 11 to Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19



- 1 Kids will be exposed to COVID-19 at some point if they haven't been already. COVID-19 vaccines help prevent kids from getting very sick, long-term complications, and death.
- 2 Getting kids vaccinated helps protect everyone.
- 3 Vaccines are predictable. COVID-19 is not.
- 4 COVID-19 vaccines are safe.
- 5 The side effects from the vaccine will likely be milder for kids than for adults.
- 6 Vaccinated kids who are exposed to COVID-19 are less likely to have symptoms and won't have to quarantine.
- 7 Some schools may require vaccinations to attend or to participate in certain activities.
- 8 Your family will feel more comfortable traveling and visiting with others around the holidays.
- 9 COVID-19 shots often hurt less than the flu shot.
- 10 It's free, fast, and easy to find.

### COVID-19 Vaccines Are Safe for Kids

Pfizer's vaccine for children was studied and reviewed and found to be 90.7% effective against COVID-19 in children age 5 to 11. No major safety issues were identified.

Since the start of school, **91%** of the in-school cases among Rhode Island's Pre K-12 students have been in **unvaccinated** children.

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# The FDA reports that the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the risks. Get a COVID-19 vaccine for children age 5 and older as soon as you can.

To make an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine for kids age 5 to 11, parents/guardians can:

- Find a convenient school-based clinic using the list available at [covid.ri.gov/5to11vaccine](https://covid.ri.gov/5to11vaccine)
- Call your primary care provider to see if they are vaccinating younger children
- Find a clinic using [VaccinateRI.org](https://VaccinateRI.org) and searching by “Pfizer COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccine”
- Make an appointment at a local pharmacy like CVS, Walgreens, or Stop & Shop
- Browse the available clinic options at [C19VaccineRI.org](https://C19VaccineRI.org)
- Call **844-930-1779** or **2-1-1** for help making an appointment

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine for kids ages 5 through 11, visit: [covid.ri.gov/5to11vaccinefaqs](https://covid.ri.gov/5to11vaccinefaqs)



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