COVID-19 Vaccines Now Recommended for Children 6 months to 5 years old

Parents and families can now choose to extend strong protection to our littlest Minnesotans. **Federal health officials now recommend COVID-19 vaccines for all children 6 months and older.** Like with vaccines for older age groups, the vaccines for young children were found to be safe, and these vaccines should be effective at preventing severe disease and death. The known risks and possible severe complications of COVID-19 outweigh the potential risks of having a rare, adverse reaction to vaccination.

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Two vaccines have been authorized for this age group:

- **The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months through 4 years old is a three-dose series.** The second dose is at least three weeks later; the third dose is at least eight weeks after that.
- **The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months through 5 years old is a two-dose series.** The second dose is at least four weeks later.

It is critical to get all recommended doses for maximum protection.

Where Minnesotans Can Find A Vaccine for Children

- Contact your or your child's primary health care provider or a local pharmacy.
- Use the state's Find Vaccine Locations map to find vaccine providers near you.
    - The state's community vaccination site at the Mall of America will be offering Pfizer vaccines to people 6 months of age and older. **Appointments are required for children 6 months to 5 years.**

Find appointments at [COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program](#). Families can all get vaccinated at the same time.

- Parents can also visit [gov/vaxforkids](#) for more information.
- Check for vaccine appointments at [gov](#), where you can search for appointments by vaccine type (e.g., Pfizer).
- Watch for vaccination clinics being offered at other community locations around Minnesota.

Vaccine Resources

Learn more about the COVID-19 Vaccine at these resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccinations](#)
- [Find Vaccine Locations](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine for Children and Teens](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots](#)