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# COVID-19 VACCINATION AND CHILDREN



## Vaccinating children is important! Kids can get COVID-19, too.

- COVID-19 vaccines help prevent kids from getting very sick, being hospitalized, and developing complications from the virus.
- Even kids who have already had COVID-19 can get vaccinated because their immunity (protection) decreases over time.



## COVID-19 vaccines are safe for children 6 months and older.

- Children cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.
- The ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are safe.
- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safer and more reliable way to build protection than getting sick from the virus.



## There may be side effects.

- Vaccines, like medicines, have side effects that can last a few days but are typically mild (e.g., soreness where the shot was given, sleepiness, etc.). Some children have no side effects.
- If you are worried about how your child is feeling after getting a vaccine, call your health care provider.



## Find COVID-19 vaccines.

To find **no cost vaccines** and vaccine locations, visit [nj.gov/health/vaccines/covid-19](nj.gov/health/vaccines/covid-19) or scan the QR code.

**For more information, speak with your health care provider!**