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Hot Topic: The FDA has authorized and CDC recommends children 5-11 years old get the Pfizer vaccine series.

COVID Vaccine for Kids 5-11



The FDA and CDC recommend children 5 through 11 get Pfizer vaccines



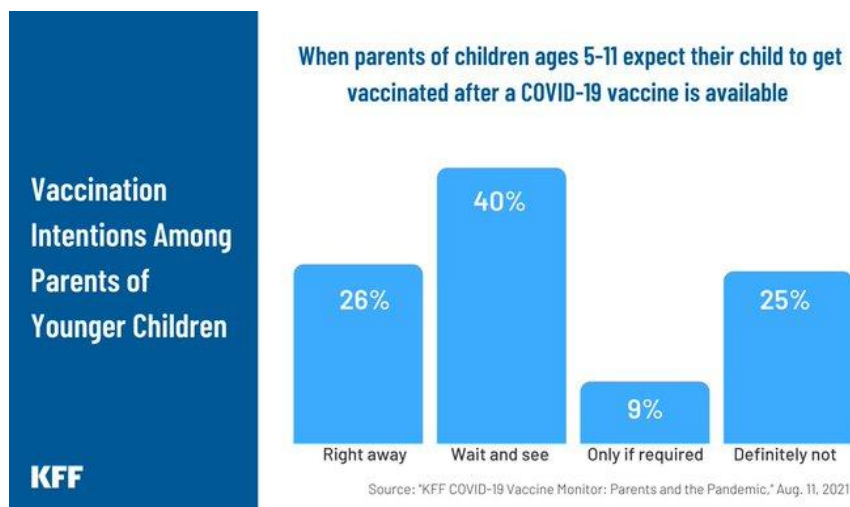
4,600 children participated in the study which found the vaccine to be safe and effective



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What are we hearing?

- The FDA and CDC recommend children 5 through 11 years of age get a Pfizer vaccine series as soon as possible.
- Parents may have questions about vaccinating their kids right away, and pediatricians are ready to answer them.



What should you know?

- Children can die from COVID-19. In fact, COVID-19 is one of the top ten causes of death for children 5 to 11 years old ([FDA](#)). Data suggests once a child is sick enough to be hospitalized for COVID-19, 1 in 100 children [will not survive](#). The COVID vaccine is the best way to protect kids from getting really sick with COVID.
- The Pfizer dose for children 5-11 years old is a lower dose (10 micrograms) than that used for children 12 years of age and older (30 micrograms) ([FDA](#)).
- The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective at preventing severe illness and hospitalization in children 5-11:
 - The vaccine was found to be 90.7% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children 5 through 11 years old ([FDA](#)).
 - The vaccine's safety was studied in approximately 4,600 kids aged 5 to 11.
 - 3,100 children received the vaccine and no serious side effects have been detected in the ongoing study ([FDA](#)).
- Less than 1 in every 200,000 people have experienced myocarditis or pericarditis due to COVID vaccination ([CDC](#)). The known risks and severe complications from COVID illness, including hospitalization and death, far outweigh the potential risk of a rare complication from the Pfizer vaccine ([CDC](#)).

What can I do?

- Share these messages:

- As a parent, you make informed decisions every day that keep your child safe. You can talk to your child's doctor and get your questions answered so that you make an informed choice about vaccinating them.
- COVID is not done with us, don't wait for the next wave of the virus. It's not worth the risk. You can protect your kid today with the vaccine..
- Your pediatrician is ready to answer your questions and help you make the best decision for your child.
- As a parent there are many things you can't control, but protecting your kid from COVID-19 is something you can control. You can get your child 5 and older vaccinated for free today.
 - *CW: Children hospitalized with COVID*
 -  *Coronavirus: When your child's in intensive care with Covid-19 - BB...*
- COVID-19 is one of the top ten causes of death for children 5-11years old ([CDC](#)). It's not worth the risk, you can get your child a free vaccine today.
-  *Parents Are Hesitant To Give Their Kids The COVID-19 Vaccine – How Saf...*
- Share this [video series](#) that the American Academy of Pediatrics produced with pediatricians.
- Learn more:
 - FDA - [FDA Authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Emergency Use in Children 5 through 11 Years of Age](#)
 - CDC - [COVID-19 Vaccination for Children 5-11 Years Old](#)
 - NYT - [How Often Do Covid Vaccines Cause Heart Problems in Kids?](#)
 - American Academy of Pediatrics - [Getting Your Child Ready for the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
 - AP - [EXPLAINER: What to know about vaccines for kids aged 5-11](#)
 - NPR 1a - [Vaccination Nation: COVID-19, Kids, And Your Questions](#)