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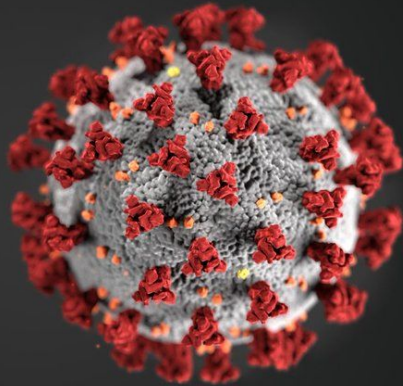
**COVID-19 VACCINE  
UPDATE**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

# CDC and FDA Approve Vaccines for 5- to 11-Year-Olds

## Coronavirus Update:

FDA authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for emergency use in children ages 5-11



**Everyone ages 5 and up  
is now eligible for a free  
COVID-19 vaccine!**

CDC recommends that children ages 5-11 receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

**FIND A VACCINE TODAY AT [VACCINES.GOV](https://www.vaccines.gov)**

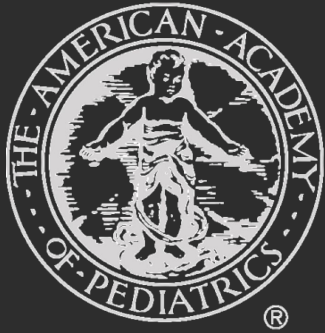


**515,000** Maryland children  
are now eligible for a COVID-19  
vaccine.

## Final CDC approval followed:

- Unanimous vote of the CDC's advisory committee of experts
- Data showing that the Pfizer vaccine is **90.7% effective**
- Rigorous clinical trials

## Pediatric Associations Support Vaccines For 5- to 11-Year-Olds



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Maryland providers can immediately begin **scheduling** appointments, **holding clinics**, and **vaccinating** 5- to 11-year-olds.

## **Several Options for Parents and Caregivers:**

- **Pediatricians and family physicians**
- **Pharmacies**
- **Local health departments**
- **School clinics**

## Ongoing State Support For Vaccinations:

- **Staffing resources** for schools
- **Vaccine Equity Task Force** for underserved communities
- **Direct outreach** by GoVAX Call Center
- **PSAs** by trusted pediatricians





**covidvax.maryland.gov**  
or call **1-855-MD-GOVAX**

**Our primary goal is to make sure that parents have all of the information they need to make the best informed decision for their family.**

MORE THAN  
**8.5 MILLION**  
COVID-19 VACCINES

MORE THAN  
**430,000**  
BOOSTER SHOTS

# Key Metrics Down Across the Board

POSITIVITY RATE

↓ 41%

CASE RATE PER 100K

↓ 43%

HOSPITALIZATIONS

↓ 35%



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## Most Children and All Teens Can Get COVID-19 Vaccines

CDC recommends everyone ages 5 and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help prevent against COVID-19.

Authorized For	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	J&J/Janssen
4 years and under	No	No	No
5-11 years old	<b>Yes</b>	No	No
12-17 years old	<b>Yes</b>	No	No
18 years and older	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>

## PEDIATRIC COVID-19 CASES

Early 2021	Mid-Late 2021
<b>6%</b> of cases under 10 years old	<b>14%</b> of new cases under 10 years old



Pfizer vaccine is **safe and 90.7%**  
**effective** at preventing  
symptomatic infection from  
COVID-19 among 5- to 11-year-olds.

## Pfizer Vaccine for Children

- 2 microdoses, 3 weeks apart
- **One-third dosage** of the vaccine for 12 and older



**Orange** cap for 5 to 11  
**Purple** cap for 12 and  
older

## **Potential Side Effects In Children**

- **Mild and short in duration**
- **Swelling at injection site**
- **Tiredness, headaches, muscle and joint pain, mild fever, chills**

**Up to half of children in United States who have contracted COVID-19 have some form of long-COVID.**

**Myocarditis:** inflammation of the heart muscle

**Pericarditis:** inflammation of the outer lining of the heart

Out of tens of millions of vaccinated individuals, the CDC and FDA have confirmed **fewer than 900 reports** of myocarditis or pericarditis.

The more we are vaccinated as a whole,  
the more we **cut off the spread of this  
disease and get back to the normal  
activities and lives** that we all want our  
children to have.





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