KIDS AGES 5–11 CAN NOW BE VACCINATED

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued on Oct. 29 an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine to be used in children ages 5 to 11. On Nov. 2, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) formally recommended this pediatric COVID-19 vaccine.

What does this mean for you and your family? The vaccine is here and available. Check out the benefits of vaccination for kids age 5 to 15. Read more of the CDC’s recommendations.

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is working with the federal government and local health departments to ensure a smooth rollout of this vaccine. Supply and availability will increase after the initial distribution and also include pharmacies and mobile clinics statewide. Check out OurShot.IN.gov and look for clinics with a red pin to find sites that offer the pediatric vaccine.

Things to remember:
- The Pfizer pediatric dose is different than the Pfizer adult dose.
- If your child is 11 when the first dose is given, but turns 12 by the second dose appointment, he or she should receive the age-appropriate dose for each.
- The COVID-19 vaccine can be co-administered with the flu vaccine.
- Reach out to your child’s pediatrician if you have any questions. Many individual pediatrician offices are administering the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine to patients. Call yours and ask!
- The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children get the COVID-19 vaccine.

To date, 3,389,449 Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

BOOSTER REMINDER

If a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for you, you can easily find a place to get one at OurShot.IN.gov. Many of our mobile sites around the state are now offering all three vaccine types — Johnson & Johnson, Moderna and Pfizer — and you can use this guide to easily understand mixed dosing for COVID-19 boosters. (Note: The definition of fully vaccinated has not changed. You are still considered fully vaccinated once you complete your primary dose or doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.)

BOOSTER SHOTS

IMS EVENT EXTENDED

IndyCar parking lot, 4551 W. 16th St., Indy

Now through Nov. 20, the vaccine clinic at Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) offers all three COVID-19 vaccines, including the pediatric Pfizer dose for kids age 5 to 11, plus the flu vaccine. More appointments have been added, so schedule yours now at OurShot.IN.gov, where you’ll find more than 1,000 vaccine sites. Drive-up is also available.

New IMS dates and hours have now been added:

- **Nov. 30 – Dec. 11**
  - Tuesday – Friday, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Saturday, 8 a.m. - Noon
- **Dec. 14 – Dec. 22**
  - Tuesday, Dec. 14, to Friday, Dec. 17 | Noon – 8 p.m.
  - Saturday, Dec. 18, and Sunday, Dec. 19 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
  - Monday, Dec. 20 – Wednesday, Dec. 22 | Noon – 8 p.m

Helpful Resources

- What you can do if you are fully vaccinated.
- Know a homebound individual who needs a vaccine? Call 211. Agents can help.
- Register for a vaccination appointment at OurShot.IN.gov (Chrome or Firefox). Call Indiana 211 or (1-866-211-9966) if you have difficulty registering online.
- Free rides to vaccine clinics are offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9.
  - Free rides are also available to vaccination appointments at select Kroger locations. You will receive a code to use for Lyft ridesharing service with your appointment confirmation.
- Learn about V-Safe, the after-vaccination health checker, and the new V-safe COVID-19 Pregnancy Registry.
- V-safe is also available now in multiple languages.
- Report any adverse effects from any vaccine to the Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System (VAERS).
Total Individuals Fully Vaccinated*

3,389,449

*Individuals are fully vaccinated after their 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, OR after a single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Here are the latest percentages of people who are fully vaccinated by age group. These percentages include residents and staff in long-term care facilities.

- 76.9% of 80+
- 81.2% of 75-79
- 85.3% of 70-74
- 80.4% of 65-69
- 73.5% of 60-64
- 64.5% of 55-59
- 62.6% of 50-54
- 55.5% of 45-49
- 56.3% of 40-44
- 50.5% of 35-39
- 47.6% of 30-34
- 40.5% of 25-29
- 42.8% of 20-24
- 43.6% of 16-19
- 35.9% of 12-15
- 0.1% of 5-11

Q: Since the CDC is now allowing mixing and matching of vaccines for booster doses, can you explain how you can mix an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna) with a viral vector (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine?

A: The purpose of a vaccine is to prime your immune system to recognize something infecting your body (in this case, a virus) and fight it. All the COVID-19 vaccines train your immune system to recognize a part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Moderna and Pfizer vaccines deliver the information in mRNA, while Johnson & Johnson uses a vector vaccine unrelated to SARS-CoV-2 to deliver the information. Either way, once your body cells receive the information to recognize part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, your immune system will recognize and fight the virus if you are exposed to it.

Updated FAQs about COVID-19 vaccinations can be found here.

Check out our easy-to-understand mixed dosing charts in English and Spanish.