

As COVID-19 continues to evolve and new variants emerge, getting vaccinated and boosted is the best way to protect our children, friends, and families from COVID-19. The CDC recommends that children and adolescents age 6 months and older get an updated bivalent COVID-19 vaccine and booster shot at least two months after their primary series.*

The dose and series authorized for children are informed by clinical trials on safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines in these age groups.

Age Group	Series How many shots, and when?	Dosage Compared to adult dose	Booster Dose Are boosters recommended?
Pfizer			
6 months - 4 years	3-shot series: 2 doses, 3 weeks apart, followed by a 3rd at least 2 months later	One-tenth	Not at this time. The updated bivalent vaccine is used as the 3rd shot in the series.
5 - 11 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 3 weeks apart	One-third	Yes, at least 2 months after 2nd shot
12 - 17 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 3 weeks apart	Equal	Yes, at least 2 months after 2nd shot
Moderna			
6 months - 5 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 4 weeks apart	One-quarter	Yes, at least 2 months after 2nd shot
6 - 11 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 4 weeks apart	One-half	Yes, at least 2 months after 2nd shot
12 - 17 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 4 weeks apart	Equal	Yes, at least 2 months after 2nd shot

*Children under 5 who receive the Pfizer vaccine are not eligible for a booster dose. Pfizer's updated bivalent vaccine is now used as the third dose of the 3-shot series for this age group as of December 9, 2022.

