

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? |
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| 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.*

