

COVID-19 VACCINES FOR STUDENTS: THE REAL STORY



COVID-19 vaccines offer the best and safest opportunity to protect children, teens and their families. Having accurate and truthful information promotes informed decision making, helping keep you and your family safe.

Truth

- **Getting vaccinated is far safer than getting COVID-19, even for kids.**
- **The COVID-19 vaccine is safe for kids.** Over 8 million children ages 5-11 and over half of 12-17 year olds have now safely received the COVID-19 vaccine. Most side effects are mild and similar to those in adults. Myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart, is a rare side effect in teens, and very rare in younger children, but generally mild. There have only been 11 reported cases so far in 5-11 year olds and all those children are recovered or recovering.
- **Kids do get COVID-19.** Over 800 US children have died from COVID-19, many thousands have become seriously ill and been hospitalized, and millions have gotten sick. Children do die less frequently as a result of Covid-19 than adults and seniors.
- **Vaccines protect children against hospitalization and death.** Hospitalization of children is increasing rapidly as a result of the Omicron variant. Over 99% of children hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated.
- **COVID-19 vaccines do not contain microchips.** Vaccines are made to fight against disease and are not administered to track people.
- **COVID-19 vaccines do not create or cause variants of the COVID-19 virus.**
- **COVID-19 vaccines do not affect fertility** or the ability for men or women to have healthy children.

Getting your child vaccinated helps keep them healthy and in school & your loved ones safer by reducing the likelihood of spreading COVID-19 to your household.



People have questions about the vaccine.
For the most accurate and up-to-date information, scan this QR code.

