

## COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs

### **Are the vaccines safe?**

Yes, COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. These vaccines have been used under the most thorough safety monitoring in U.S. history, which includes studies in adolescents. The CDC recommends everyone 12 years and older get a vaccine. Children 12 – 17 are able to get the [Pfizer](#) vaccine.

### **Was the vaccine made too quickly?**

No, the vaccines were made quickly from studying coronavirus over the years and increased funding to make them.

### **Can a vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?**

No. None of the vaccines are made with the live virus that causes COVID-19.

### **What are common side effects after getting vaccinated?**

On the arm where they got the shot are pain, redness, and swelling. Others include tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, and nausea. Most side effects are minimal and go away after a few days.

### **Can my child take Tylenol or ibuprofen before getting vaccinated?**

No, it is recommended that you only give these medications if your child experiences vaccination side effects. Your child can continue to take their normal medications as prescribed.

### **Why should children and teens be vaccinated?**

They can be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. They can get sick from COVID-19 and they can spread COVID-19 to others.

Widespread vaccination, including youth age 12 and over, is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. Getting your child vaccinated is one step closer to enjoying activities like going to a sports event, attending a festival, or eating out.

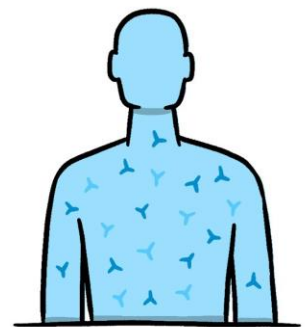
Do people who've already had the virus still need to be vaccinated?



Natural Immunity

Immunity can weaken over time and be strengthened with vaccinations.

Even if a person has contracted and recovered from COVID-19, their immunity can be boosted by a vaccine.



Natural Immunity + Vaccine