

Iowa County Health Department

COVID-19 Vaccines – Parent FAQ’s

How do we know that COVID-19 vaccines are safe for kids?

Tens of thousands of volunteers were involved in clinical trials for the vaccines. The clinical trials showed that the COVID-19 vaccines are remarkably safe and effective before they got FDA emergency use authorization. Clinical trials are now underway to study whether children as young as six months old could receive COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines.

What are the benefits of my child receiving a COVID-19 vaccine?

One thing is certain: COVID-19 vaccines are preventing severe illness, hospitalization and death for hundreds of millions of U.S. adults and adolescents who’ve received them already. We look forward to the day when younger children can get the vaccines too so they can spend time with friends, travel with their families and enjoy their communities safely.

What are the risks for my child if they receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

Pain, redness and swelling in the arm where you got the shot.
Tiredness headache, muscle pain, chills, fever and nausea lasting up to a few days following their shot.
Some people have no side effects.

What does the American Academy of Pediatrics say about children receiving the COVID-19 vaccine?

Research shows these new vaccines are remarkably effective and safe. The American Academy of Pediatrics urges children and adults to get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they can. The vaccines are especially important due to the rise in cases caused by the Delta variant of the virus. This strain is more contagious, spreading at alarming rates and infecting more children.

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