

## Parent FAQ's (continued)

### **What is the cost of a COVID-19 vaccine for my child?**

COVID-19 vaccines are **free**, whether or not you have health insurance.

### **Should my child get the COVID-19 vaccine if they already had COVID-19?**

Yes, your child should get the COVID-19 vaccine even if they already had COVID-19. Studies have shown that the vaccines can trigger a COVID-19 immune response stronger than the one naturally present in people who had COVID-19.

### **Is the COVID-19 vaccine for children different than the vaccine for adults?**

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine that is being evaluated by the CDC following clinical trials for children ages 5-11 is the same vaccine as for adults, but it is given in a smaller dose and concentration.

### **Why should I trust a fairly new vaccine for my child?**

Even though widespread use of the mRNA vaccines is new, this technology has been studied for decades. mRNA vaccines do not contain any live or dead parts of the virus.

### **Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for children with chronic health conditions?**

Yes, the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and recommended for children with chronic health conditions.

Children with underlying medical conditions – including diabetes, sickle cell disease, cancer, cystic fibrosis, kidney disease and more – may be more likely to get severely ill if they get COVID-19. Therefore, it's even more important that these children receive the vaccine.

### **Do mRNA vaccines change your DNA?**

No, the COVID-19 vaccines made with messenger RNA do not interact with your DNA at all. DNA is your genetic material and it is stored in the nucleus of a cell. The mRNA in the vaccines never gets into the nucleus. And once your immune cells have used the instructions, they break down the mRNA and it exits the body.

### **Does the COVID-19 vaccine affect fertility?**

No, getting vaccinated for COVID-19 does not interfere with girls' or boys' future fertility. There is a lot of misinformation about this so it is understandable to have concerns. This video link can help you learn the facts:

[Does the COVID vaccine affect fertility? - HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org/parenting/child-development/child-development-articles/Does-the-COVID-vaccine-affect-fertility.aspx)

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