

# Infant/Toddler COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ

## Top Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Is the vaccine safe?

Yes! Clinical trials involving thousands of infants and toddlers 6 months and older firmly show that the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective in this population. COVID-19 vaccines remain the safest way to prevent hospitalization and death from the virus for everyone 6 months and older.

### 2. Why should I consider vaccinating my young child?

COVID-19 can make children and teens very sick. Reinfection is possible, and a previous infection does not mean your child is safe from the worst outcomes of COVID-19. COVID-19 has become one of the top five leading causes of death in children.

### 3. Should I wait for my doctor to tell me when my child is eligible for vaccination?

Beginning June 20, 2022, California began distributing doses to pediatricians and clinics for children aged 6 months through 4 years. In addition, doses are readily available for all people aged 5 and older. Parents and caregivers should contact their child's pediatrician or medical care provider, local health department or clinic, or visit [Myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) to find a vaccine near them.

### 4. Is the COVID-19 vaccine dosage for children the same as for adults?

Children receive a smaller, age-appropriate dose that is the right size for them. Comprehensive clinical trials confirmed the dosage amounts for infants and toddlers are safe and effective.

### 5. If my child had COVID already, do they need the vaccine?

Yes. Because reinfection can occur, children should get vaccinated even if they have been infected previously with COVID-19. Some immunity gained from prior infection is helpful, but it doesn't make your child safe from the worst outcomes of COVID-19. Studies have shown that getting our children vaccinated is the safest way to protect them from hospitalization, long COVID, Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) and death.