

# COVID-19 Vaccine

## TOP 5 FAQs for Parents

Free, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are now available for children ages 5-11! Vaccinating your children limits disruptions to their learning. Fully vaccinated students may remain in school and avoid interruptions to in-person education, even if they are exposed to someone with COVID-19, so long as they remain without symptoms.

### Why should I get my child vaccinated?

Cases in children are increasing. It is important to get young people vaccinated to prevent more hospitalizations and deaths.

Vaccinations may stop the spread of coronavirus variants. They can also shrink the pool of people vulnerable to COVID-19. By getting children 5 and up vaccinated, families can be safer as we get back to doing the things we love.

### How many doses do I need of the COVID-19 vaccine and how far apart should I get them?

The Pfizer vaccine is a two-dose series and it's recommended you receive your second dose 21 days after your first. The school will hold a second event to administer second doses.

### How much will the COVID-19 vaccine cost my family?

Nothing. All COVID-19 vaccines are free, regardless of insurance or immigration status. Sometimes, you may be asked to provide your insurance number if you have one, but this is not a requirement to be vaccinated.

### My child already had COVID, should they still get the vaccine?

Yes. We do not know how long immunity lasts after recovering from COVID-19. Research has not yet shown how long you are protected from getting COVID-19 again after you recover from COVID-19. Evidence is emerging that people get better protection by being fully vaccinated compared with having had COVID-19. One study showed that unvaccinated people who already had COVID-19 are more than 2 times as likely than fully vaccinated people to get COVID-19 again.

### Should I keep my child's/student's COVID-19 vaccination record card?

Yes. Keep your vaccination record card and the vaccination card for your child/student in a safe place to prevent loss or damage.

The Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record (DCVR) portal gives you a digital copy of this record. If you've lost your paper card, print out your digital record. You can use it at any place where you would show your paper card. The cell phone number or email address that you use to register your child/student will be the same cell phone number or email address that will be needed to access their digital vaccine record.

For more information visit [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://MyTurn.ca.gov) or call 833-422-4255

