

Myths about COVID-19 Vaccines CHILDREN/ADOLESCENTS



The COVID-19 vaccine isn't safe for children.

FALSE The COVID-19 vaccine for children is safe and effective. The COVID-19 vaccine for children between the ages of 5 to 11 years has undergone thorough evaluations by both FDA and CDC. COVID-19 vaccines have and will continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.

My teen is a student-athlete and already had COVID-19, so they don't need the COVID-19 vaccine. We are worried about myocarditis.

FALSE While myocarditis is rare, it is also real; so, we can understand why some parents may be hesitant to get their teens vaccinated. But it is important when making these decisions to realize that the choice not to vaccinate is also a choice to risk COVID-19. Current CDC data suggests out of 100,000 vaccinated adolescent males, only 4 to 7 would be expected to develop post-vaccine myocarditis. Myocarditis always occurs after infection with SARS CoV2 virus. It is one of several other significant risks to contracting the virus.

The COVID-19 vaccines cause infertility and other reproductive issues.

FALSE There is no evidence that any vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines, can cause female or male fertility problems. There is no evidence that vaccine ingredients or antibodies developed following COVID-19 vaccination will cause any problems with becoming pregnant in the future. Similarly, there is no evidence that the COVID-19 vaccine affects puberty.

Since children are not seriously harmed by COVID-19, getting vaccinated isn't worth the risk.

FALSE The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 5 through 11 years outweigh the known and potential risks.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccination can protect your child 5 years and older from getting COVID-19. It can also protect your child from severe disease, hospitalizations or developing long-term complications if they do get COVID-19.



Learn more about the
COVID-19 vaccine here



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