

TAKE A SHOT AT COVID TOOLKIT

Protection from Serious Disease and Hospitalization



Vaccinating children against COVID is important — it provides protection from serious disease and hospitalization

Parents should consider:



We (your healthcare providers) **recommend** that your child get vaccinated



COVID Vaccination prevents new infections, and more importantly **serious disease and hospitalization**. Infection means the virus is in the body. Serious disease is more severe symptoms from the infection that often leads to hospitalization.

- Children and young adults currently are the lowest vaccinated age groups making them more vulnerable to serious disease and hospitalization.
- The unvaccinated are 14 X more likely to get serious disease, and be hospitalized than those who are **vaccinated**.
- The unvaccinated are 20 X more likely to get serious disease, and be hospitalized than those who are **vaccinated and boosted**.
- COVID-19 infection greatly increases the risk of myocarditis (swelling of the heart muscle) by 2 – 6 X in teen boys. Risk is less than 0.01% with vaccination.



Unvaccinated children will become more vulnerable to contracting disease from COVID as masking and social distancing guidelines expire



You can also access this toolkit on the web

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