



# CHILDREN AGES 6 MONTHS AND UP ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE



Based on the rigorous, scientific review of the latest data by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Louisiana Department of Health recommends that all eligible children receive the COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves and their families.

**Q:** Should children get a COVID-19 vaccine?

**A:** Yes. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. With COVID-19 levels still high in Louisiana, vaccination against COVID-19:

- Strengthens your child's immune system
- Helps prevent severe COVID-19 symptoms
- Reduces the likelihood of them developing conditions or experiencing complications from COVID-19

**Q:** Are the COVID-19 vaccines free?

**A:** Yes, COVID-19 vaccines are free to everyone. Providers cannot ask a patient for payment, though they may bill your insurance for administrative fees.

**Q:** Should I vaccinate my child even if they already have had COVID?

**A:** Yes, even if your child has already had COVID-19, any immunity they may get from the virus is short-lived, so it's recommended that they still get vaccinated to protect them from severe symptoms or outcomes should they become reinfected. Louisiana has seen an increase in reinfections across all age groups, including children, underscoring the importance of making sure your child is up-to-date on their vaccinations.

**Q:** What is the risk of COVID-19 to children?

**A:** Tragically, LDH has reported a total of 21 children in Louisiana have died from COVID-19 since the pandemic began, all of whom were not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations. Medical reports show COVID can trigger a serious medical condition in some children that causes their heart, brain, and other organs to swell. There have been more than 300 cases of this COVID-related syndrome in Louisiana alone. Vaccinating our children will lower their risks of getting this serious condition as well as protect them from other COVID complications.

**Q:** Where and how do I get my child vaccinated?

**A:** First, Talk to your child's doctor today about the COVID-19 vaccines. If you do not have a healthcare provider, you can find a nearby vaccination at [ldh.la.gov/kidsvax](http://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax). If you have questions or need help scheduling an appointment, you can call Louisiana's COVID-19 Support Hotline at 855-453-0774.

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Staying up-to-date on our COVID-19 vaccinations is key to keeping our families safe and enjoying summer with confidence.