

# Immunization Program



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## Pediatric Pfizer (Ages 5-11) COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends [pediatric Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11](#).



- The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine is over 90% effective at preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5 through 11 years.
- COVID-19 vaccines have undergone—and continue to undergo—the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. In clinical trials of about 3,000 children, serious side effects were rare and self-limiting.
- After getting a COVID-19 vaccine, children may have some [side effects](#) similar to those seen in adults and with other vaccines which is normal.
- This recommendation was made based on in-depth review of available safety, immunogenicity, and efficacy data.
- Pediatric COVID-19 vaccines will be available at no cost.

## FAQ

Q: Is this Pfizer vaccine the same one that's given to adolescents and adults?

A: No, while the active ingredients are the same between both products, there are different vials and different dose sizes. The pediatric Pfizer product will be in a vial with an orange cap and is approximately 1/3 of the dose ages 12+ receive. Please review the EUA [here](#).

Q: Where can I find available pediatric COVID-19 vaccines?

A: Please visit the ADHS Find Vaccine site [here](#) which lists doctor's offices, local pharmacies, healthcare clinics and local health departments where the vaccine is available.

Q: Where can I find updated resources on storage and handling and administration of the new pediatric Pfizer product?

A: Please refer to our [COVID-19 Provider Resources Page](#) for current resources and/or the [CDC Interim Clinical Considerations](#).

Q: How do I store the new pediatric COVID-19 product?

A: The orange cap pediatric Pfizer product can either be stored for 6 months in an ultra low temp freezer from the date of manufacture (printed on the vial and box) or 10 weeks in the refrigerator. It can NOT be stored in a standard freezer.

Q: How do I determine the expiration date of the orange cap pediatric Pfizer product?

A: Calculate 6 months from the date of manufacture (printed on the vial and box) IF the product will be stored in an ultra low temp freezer. If the product is being stored in a refrigerator, calculate 10 weeks from the date it is placed in the refrigerator. The QR code on the box will open the EUA if scanned.

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