

# COVID-19 vaccines are **HERE** and **FREE**



**for everyone  
6 months of age and up!**

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and pediatricians across New York and around the country—including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)—recommend that all eligible babies, toddlers, and children 6 months of age and older stay up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.

Vaccines for children down to six months of age are available statewide, including through pediatricians, family physicians, local county health departments, federally qualified health centers, and pharmacies enrolled in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. Parents and guardians should contact their child's health care provider or visit **vaccines.gov**, text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations.

Please note, due to federal regulation, pharmacies are only able to vaccinate children three years and older. If you are scheduling a vaccine appointment at a pharmacy for your child three years and older, you may need an authorization code from your pediatrician to validate their age. All of this information and more is available on **ny.gov/VaxForKids**.



**Safe and Effective for Children,  
and Always Free**

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## Parents and Guardians Should Know:

- The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and free for all eligible New Yorkers, including children 6 months of age and older.
- Vaccination will reduce your little one's risk of getting very sick from COVID-19.
- Children 6 months of age and older can receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine or the Moderna vaccine.
- COVID-19 vaccines have undergone — and continue to undergo — the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.
- Your child may not notice any changes in how they feel after getting the vaccine, but it's also possible they feel a little under the weather. This can happen after any vaccine.
- After getting the COVID-19 vaccine, children may have side effects such as a sore arm or headache. These are normal signs that their body is building protection and should go away in a few days.

Reach out to your child's pediatrician or other health care provider if you have questions. You can also visit **[ny.gov/VaxForKids](https://ny.gov/VaxForKids)** for everything you need to know about the COVID-19 vaccine and children.



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