



COVID-19 vaccine for children



This info sheet is about **COVID-19 vaccines** for children.



COVID-19 vaccines are a medicine that can help stop you from getting very sick with COVID-19.



You can ask someone for help to read this info sheet.



This might be a

- Family member
- Friend
- Support worker.

How much of the COVID-19 vaccine do children get



There are different rules for how much of the COVID-19 vaccine children should get.



It has to do with how old the children are.

Children under 12 years old



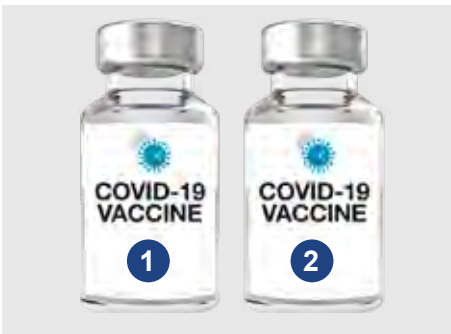
Most children between 5 and 12 years old can get a small dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.



Small dose means they get much less of the COVID-19 vaccine than adults get.

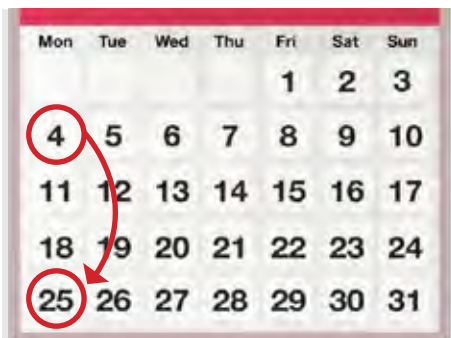


It is safe for children to get a small dose.



They should get 2 doses of the vaccine for it to work well.

The first 2 doses are called **primary course**.



There must be at least 3 weeks between getting the first and the second dose.



Some children between 6 months and 4 years old can get a small dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.



This might be if they

- Have serious health issues
- Are **immunocompromised**.



Immunocompromised means your body can get sick easily.



Their doctor must say that it is ok for them to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Children over 12 years



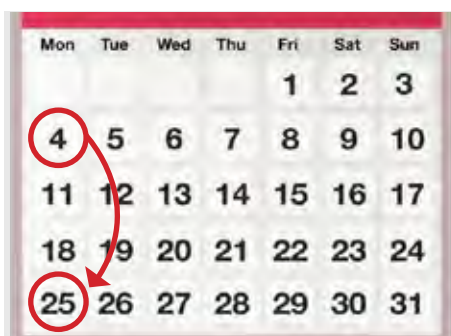
Children over 12 years old get the same dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as adults.



It is safe for them to get the same dose as adults.



Children between 12 and 16 years should get 2 doses of the vaccine for it to work well.



There must be at least 3 weeks between getting the first and the second dose.

Some children need more doses



Some children might need 3 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine as their primary course.

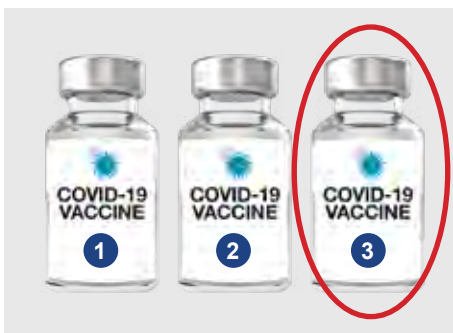


This might be if they

- Have big health issues
- Have a disability
- Are immunocompromised.



All children over 16 years should get a booster dose.



Booster dose means they get an extra dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

This is on top of their primary course.

Where can children get the COVID-19 vaccine

Children can get the COVID-19 vaccine at



- Their doctor



- COVID-19 clinics



- Aboriginal health services



- Pharmacies.



To find out where you can get the COVID-19 vaccine near you go to

www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-vaccine-clinic-finder

More information

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine you can



- Call the **Disability Gateway**

The number is **1800 643 787**



- Call the **National COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline**

The number is **1800 020 080**.

Choose option 5.

If you need information in another language choose option 8.



- Go to the **Department of Health and Aged Care** website

The website is **www.health.gov.au**.



You can call the **Translating and Interpreting Service** for information in your language.

The number is **131 450**.



You can call the **National Relay Service** if you

- Are deaf



- Have trouble hearing.



The number is **1800 555 660**.

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