

# COVID-19 Vaccines and Children Ages 5-11

## Parent Guide

### Did you know?...

**Pediatricians recommend that children 5 years and older get the COVID-19 vaccine**

Vaccination is the best way to protect our children from COVID-19



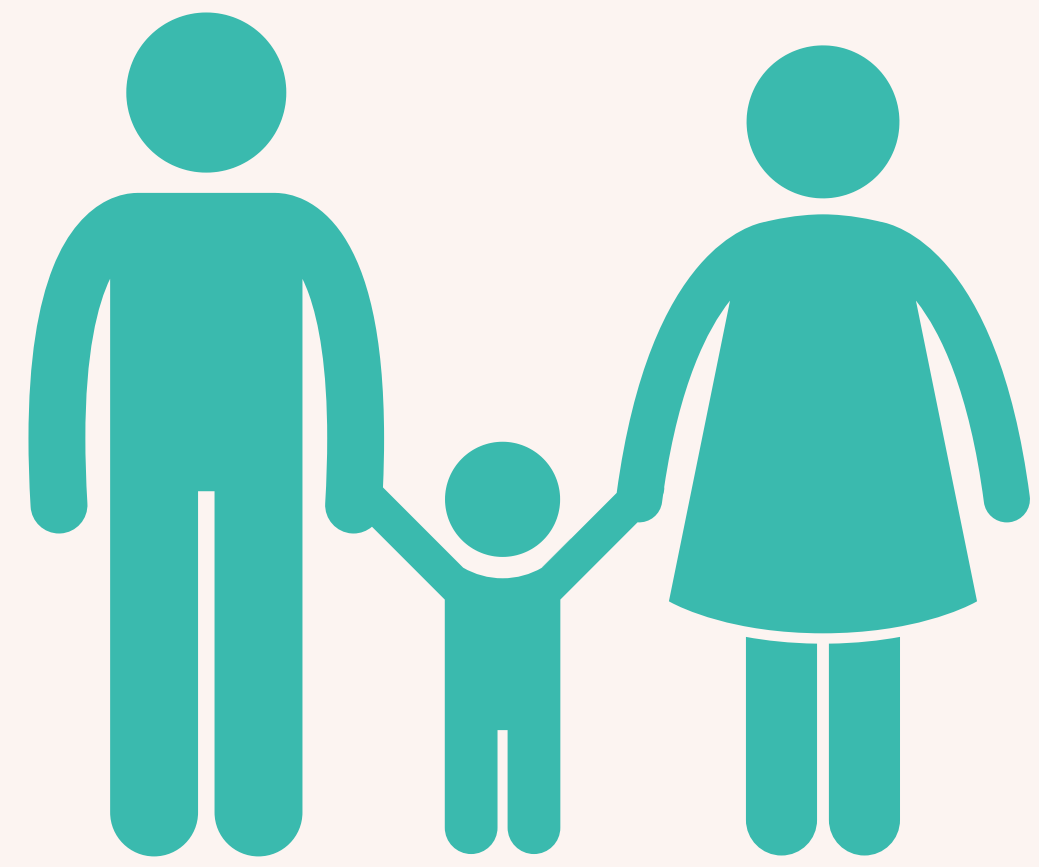
**Children are catching COVID-19 at the same rate as adults**

Serious illness from COVID-19 is uncommon, but, the longer-term impacts on how the virus may harm long-term physical health of infected children.

**6.4 million**

children have tested positive as of October 28th, 2021

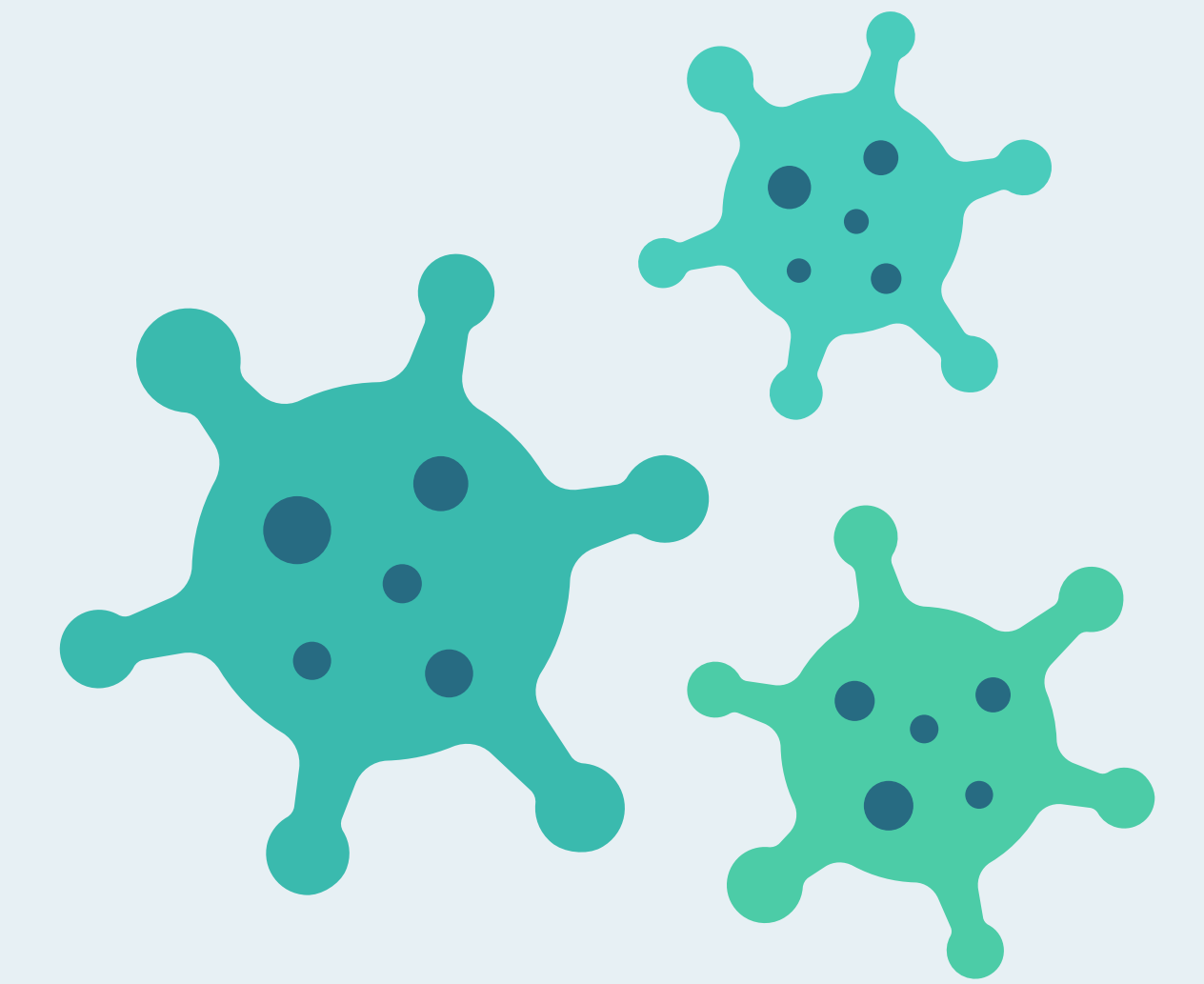
**1 out of every 500 children experienced COVID-19-associated orphanhood**



140,000 children under age 18 in the United States lost a parent or grandparent caregiver who provided the child's home and basic needs, including love, security, and daily care since the start of the pandemic.

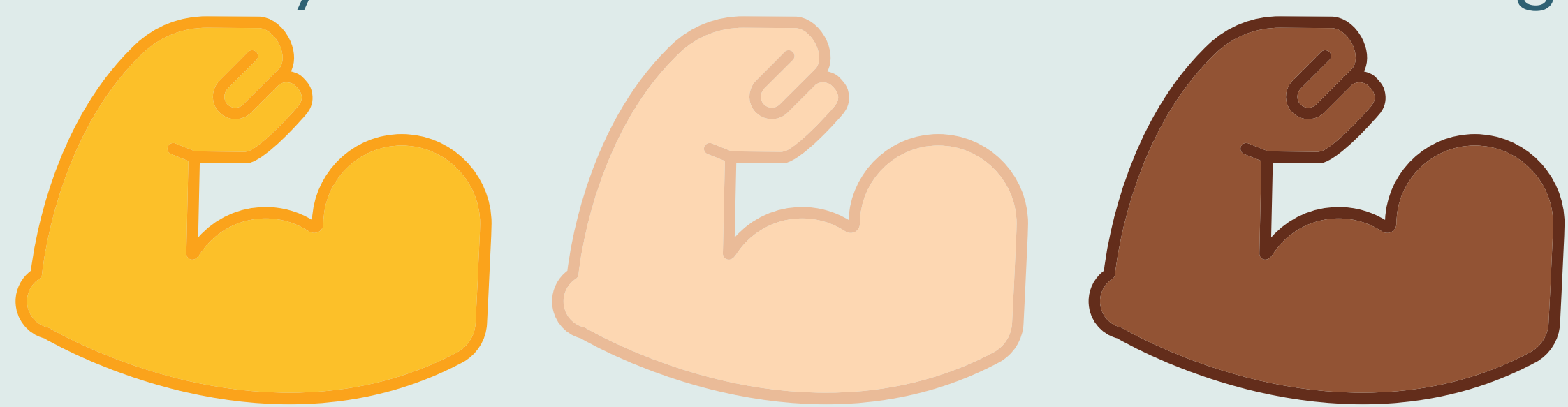
**Children who have already had COVID-19 should get vaccinated**

- Even if you have already had COVID-19, you can be infected again
- Natural immunity does not last as long as vaccine immunity



**The side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine are minor**

The most common effects from the vaccine are arm soreness, headache, and tiredness for 1-2 days. All of these signs are normal. They show that the vaccine is working.



**Your child may also receive routine immunizations at the same doctor's visit**



It is safe for your child to receive routine immunizations, flu vaccine, and COVID-19 vaccine at the same visit

**The child's COVID-19 dose is very small—just 10 micrograms!**

The children's dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11 is smaller than the adult vaccine and comes with an orange top. It is about one-sixth the weight of a single grain of salt!



**COVID-19 vaccinations help children stay in schools and activities**

Now that schools are back in person, make sure your child stays healthy and in the classroom.



**Where can my eligible child get the COVID-19 vaccine?**

Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find a location near you



For more information visit- [ImmunizePA.org](https://www.immunizepa.org)



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