

# COVID-19 Vaccines and Children Ages 6 months-4 years

## Parent Guide

### Did you know?...

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children ages 6 months-4 years get the COVID-19 vaccine

As of June 2022, the FDA and CDC have approved both the Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna vaccines for children ages 6 months-4 years.

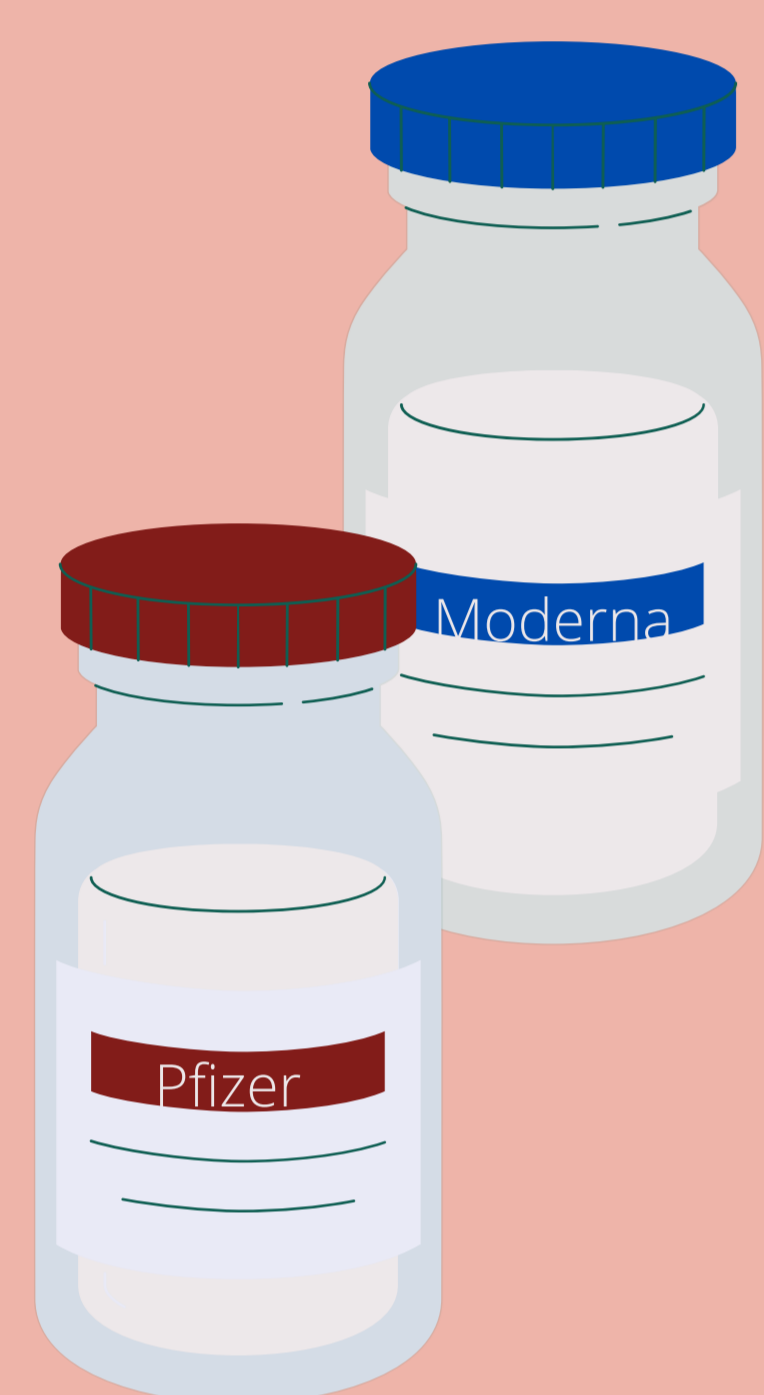


Children are catching COVID-19 at the same rate as adults

While serious illness from COVID-19 is uncommon in children, there are longer-term impacts of the virus that can negatively affect children's physical health.

Over 13.6 million children have tested positive as of June 16, 2022.

Children ages 6 months-4 years have the option between the Pfizer BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine



- Pfizer has been authorized as a three-dose vaccine, where dose 2 is 21 days after dose 1, and dose 3 is at least 8 weeks (2 months) after dose 2.
- Moderna has been authorized as a two-dose vaccine spaced 28 days (4 weeks) apart.

The COVID-19 vaccines appear to be safe and effective

- The 2-dose Moderna vaccine was estimated to be around 50% effective at preventing infection
- The 3-dose Pfizer vaccine was estimated to be around 80% effective at preventing infection
- Both vaccines are likely even more effective at preventing hospitalization and death based on the real-world data we have in older age groups.

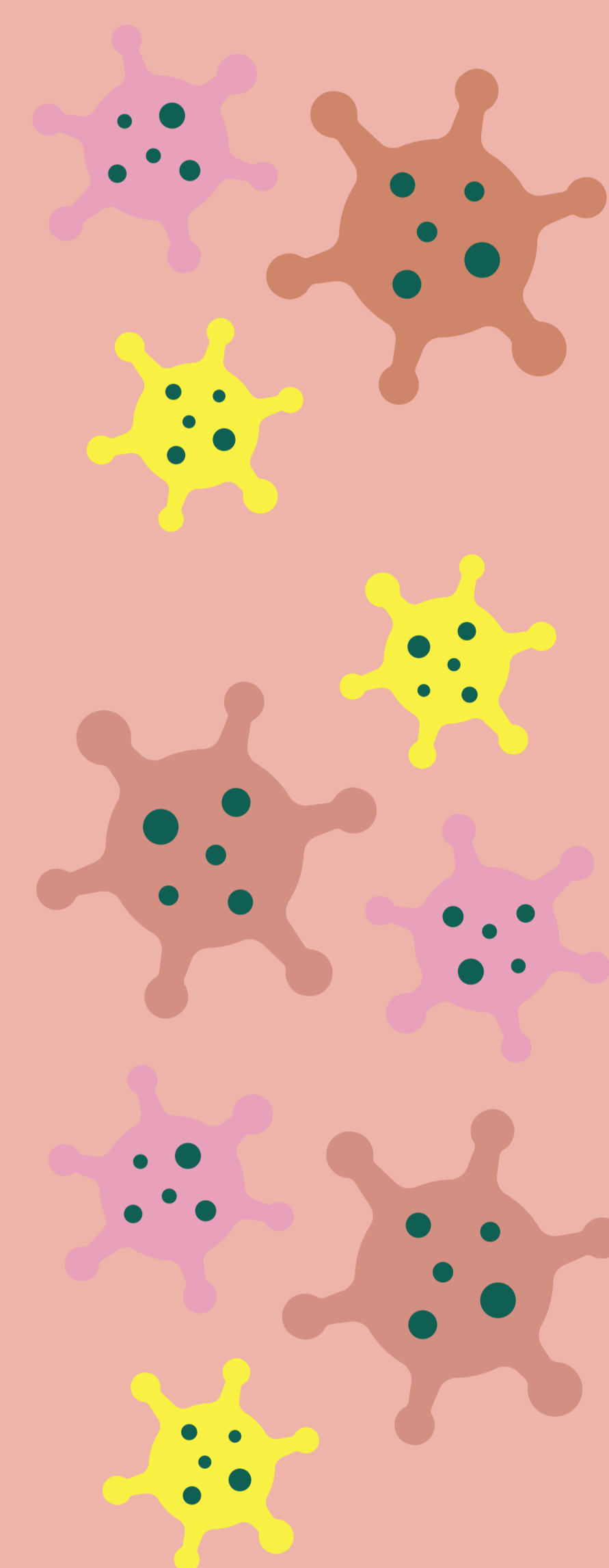
The COVID-19 vaccines are 100% free for every individual living in the United States - even if you do not have insurance

COVID-19 vaccines are available for everyone ages 6 months and older at no cost. Vaccines were paid for with taxpayer dollars and will be given free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of insurance or immigration status



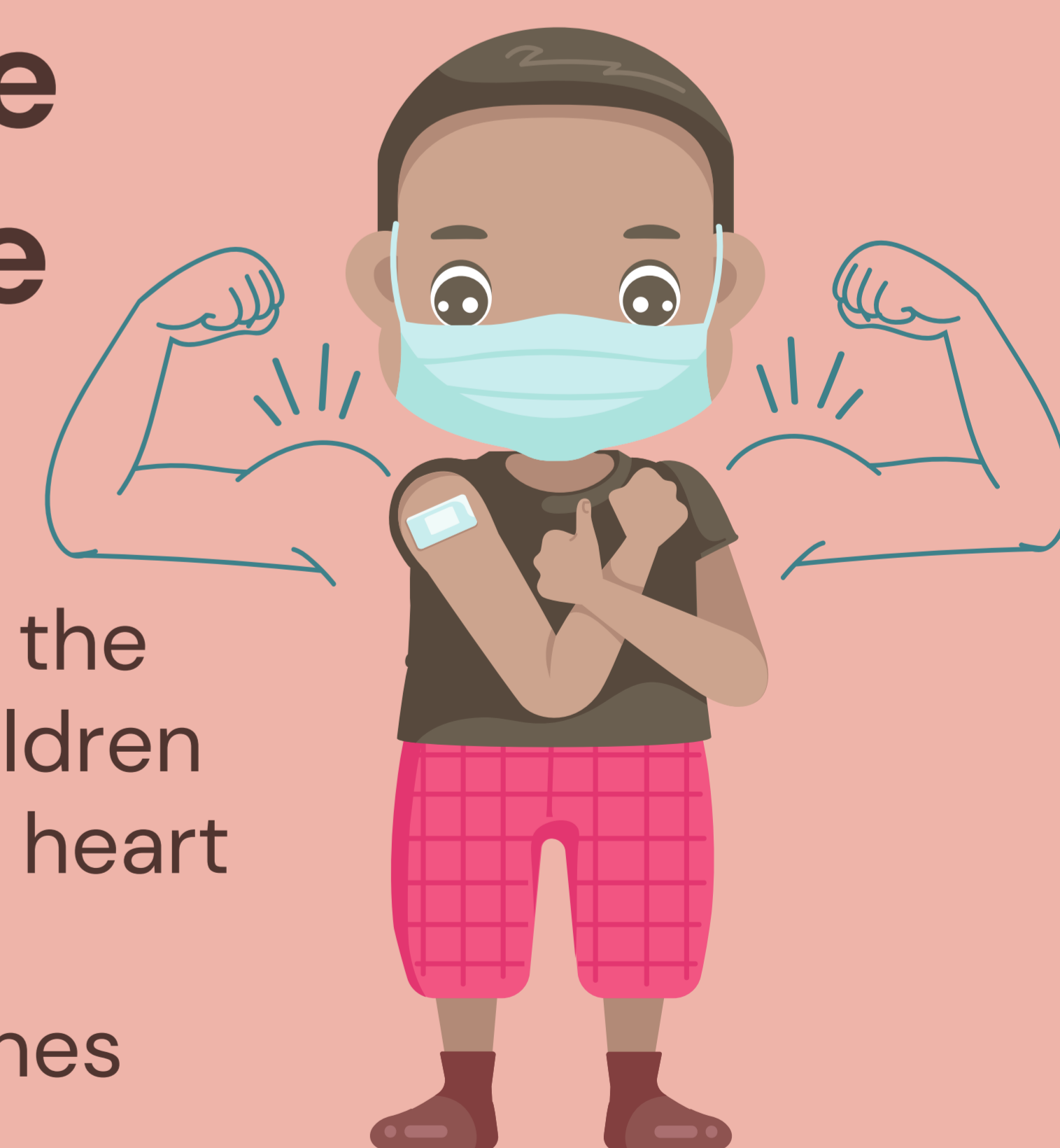
Why should my child get a COVID-19 vaccine?

- To protect them from severe illness and possible hospitalization.
- To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect those who are unable to receive the vaccine.
- To prevent future health problems and organ damage due to COVID-19 infection.
- To keep children learning in-person at early childhood education programs and schools and to allow children to safely participate in sports, playdates, and other group activities.
- Even if you have already had COVID-19, you can be infected again.
- Natural immunity does not last as long as vaccine immunity.



Side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine are minimal

Thousands of children were in the studies, and there were no children with serious allergic reactions, heart inflammation or other serious problems related to the vaccines that may worry parents.



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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