

COVID-19 Vaccination for Babies & Children

*Questions & Answers for
Parents and Guardians*

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Why should my child get the vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect your child from being hospitalized or developing long-term symptoms.

Most cases of COVID-19 in children are not severe, but on occasion, COVID-19 can cause serious infections. COVID-19 is one of the top 10 causes of death among children. Children can also have long term health problems from the virus, known as long-COVID.

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Getting your child vaccinated will also protect family

members and friends, especially those who may be at high risk.



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Vaccination helps kids be kids.

When kids are up-to-date on vaccines, they can safely do more of the activities they enjoy, like attending birthday parties, playing sports and spending time indoors with friends and family.



Is the child vaccine **safe & effective?**

Yes. The FDA determined that the vaccine had **no serious safety concerns** identified in clinical studies and was over 90% effective at preventing severe illness from coronavirus in kids.

It's possible that kids could still catch COVID after vaccination, but **the vaccine works for what matters most: protection from hospitalization, severe health problems, and death.**

It's hard for me to get to a vaccination site. What **help** is there?

- **Accessibility:** If you need accommodation, email publichealthaccommodations@kingcounty.gov or call 206-477-3977.
- **Language assistance:** If you need language interpretation, call the King County COVID-19 Call Center: 206-477-3977, 8AM – 5PM. Please say your preferred language when connected.
- **Transportation:** If you need a ride to a vaccination appointment, call the Transportation Resources Line (TRL): (425) 943-6760, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Or visit www.FindARide.org.