

# Five Reasons to Vaccinate Kids Against COVID-19

**1.** COVID-19 has been linked to rare cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), a life-threatening illness. **COVID-19 vaccination prevents severe illness & hospitalization.**

**2.** Unvaccinated kids can spread the virus to younger siblings or other children who are too young to be vaccinated. Babies under 12 months are more likely to have a severe case of COVID-19. **Vaccinated kids help stop the spread of COVID-19.**

**3.** Vaccination speeds the return to “normal life.” Kids can resume many normal activities with others who are vaccinated, but because of the Delta variant, they should wear a mask indoors in public in areas of substantial or high transmission of the virus.

**4.** Fully vaccinated kids exposed to COVID-19 who show no symptoms **do not need to quarantine.** They are less likely to miss out on activities critical to overall health. They should get tested 3-5 days after exposure & wear a mask indoors.

**5.** The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is highly effective and approved for kids 12 and older. Pfizer and Moderna are studying the effectiveness of their vaccines for children 6 months to 11 years old.

## Yellowstone County Vaccination Locations

Visit [covid.riverstonehealth.org](https://covid.riverstonehealth.org) to find out about free vaccination clinics in Yellowstone County.

To find out more about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination, talk to your primary care provider or visit the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) or the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

