



Dear parent or Guardian,

The Delaware Division of Public Health is dedicated to providing all parents and adults responsible for students ages 5 and up with the most accurate information possible so they can make the healthiest choice for their children. Right now, the COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect adults and children from the virus and many of its variants, prevent additional spread of COVID-19, keep our children as safe as possible, and make sure our schools can remain open.

For children 5 and older, the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Has been proven safe, under intensive safety monitoring
- Has been proven effective against serious illness caused by COVID-19
- Has no lasting side effects
- Doesn't affect fertility
- Carries less of a threat from myocarditis than does the COVID-19 virus itself
- Is your child's path to uninterrupted education. Vaccinated youth do not have to quarantine after being exposed to COVID-19, which means they can stay in school, and you won't miss work.

As of Dec. 3, 2021, more than four million children ages 5 – 11 alone have received at least one dose of the vaccine, and no serious side effects have been identified.

Get more of the facts you need to make the best decision for your child — as well as see a list of locations offering walk-in and by-appointment COVID-19 vaccines — at <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine-information-for-ages-5-11/>.

Thank you,  
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