



# WHY CHILDREN AGES 5-11 SHOULD GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE



**FACT:** More than 1.9 million 5 to 11-year-olds in the U.S. have been infected with COVID-19, and more than 8,300 have been hospitalized. COVID-19 ranks in the top 10 for leading cause of death for this age group since 2020.



**FACT:** Surveys show that at least 1 in 12 children who have had the COVID-19 infection have lingering symptoms.



**FACT:** COVID-19 has led to loss of crucial in-person learning for children. Widespread vaccination allows schools to remain open and children to safely learn in person.



**FACT:** Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) is a severe COVID-19 complication that affects multiple organs. Most cases of MIS-C occur in 5-11-year-olds.



**FACT:** COVID-19 cases in kids have increased dramatically since the Delta variant, and the COVID-19 vaccine helps protect against Delta and other variants.



**FACT:** Myocarditis, or inflammation of the heart muscle, can occur from infection with COVID-19. No post-vaccine cases of myocarditis have been seen in clinical trials for this age group.

**THE PFIZER VACCINE** is the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use in children ages 5-11. Talk to your child's doctor for more information.

\*Sources: CDC, FDA, AAP, Impact4HC