

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Information for families of Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (CYSHCN)

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The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recognizes that children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) may be at increased risk of serious illness and complications resulting from COVID-19 infections, and they recommend that all children eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine get it as soon as they are able. Currently, this includes all children age 5 or older, including CYSHCN. The vaccine, along with face masks, cleaning hands and surfaces, and physical distancing are the tools that can be used to prevent infections. In addition to the COVID-19 vaccine, the AAP recommends that CYSHCN continue to receive their [routine vaccines on schedule](#), including the seasonal flu vaccine when it becomes available to them (“[COVID-19: Caring for Children and Adolescence with Special Health Care Needs](#),” 2021). Additionally, the AAP recommends that any child eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine booster get it as soon as they are able (“[When Can Children Get the COVID-19 Vaccine?](#)”, 2022). If families have additional questions or concerns about their child receiving the COVID-19 vaccine or any recommended vaccine, they should schedule an appointment with their child’s physician for more information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information:

1. [The Science Behind COVID-19 Vaccines: Parent FAQs](#) (AAP, 2022)
2. [COVID-19: Caring for Children and Adolescence with Special Health Care Needs](#) (AAP, 2021)
3. [When Can Children Get the COVID-19 Vaccine?](#) (AAP, 2022)
4. [COVID-19 and Kids: How mRNA Vaccines Work Video](#) (AAP, 2021)
5. [Myocarditis and Pericarditis After mRNA COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (CDC, 2021)
6. [Vaccine Fact Sheet for Youth Ages 5-15](#) (Indiana Department of Health, 2021)
7. [Vaccine Fact Sheet for Teens](#) (Indiana Department of Health, 2021)
8. [Vaccine Information and Planning](#) (Indiana Department of Health, 2022)
9. Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines: Fact Sheet for People with Disabilities (Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 2022)
 - a. [English Fact Sheet](#)
 - b. [Spanish Fact Sheet](#)
10. Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines: Fact Sheet for Caregivers of People with Disabilities (Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 2021)
 - a. [English Fact Sheet](#)
 - b. [Spanish Fact Sheet](#)
 - c. [ASL Video](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Family Resources:

1. [Getting Your Child Ready for the COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (AAP, 2022)
2. [How To Be Prepared: What to Expect When You Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (Indiana Department of Health, 2021)
3. [Getting A COVID-19 Vaccine: A Social Story for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#) (Rutgers University Boggs Center of Developmental Disabilities, 2021)
4. Stay Safe from COVID-19: How I Get My COVID-19 Shot (CDC, 2021)
 - a. [Social Story](#)
 - b. [Interactive Social Story](#) (customizable)
 - c. [Video](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Availability and Scheduling:

1. In order to schedule a COVID-19 Vaccine for your child, call 211 (866-211-9966) or [schedule online](#). Additionally, most vaccination sites will accept walk-ins. More information can be found on the [Vaccine Information and Planning website](#) (Indiana Department of Health, 2022).
2. How to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine in Indiana (Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 2021)
 - a. [English Fact Sheet](#)
 - b. [Spanish Fact Sheet](#)
 - c. [ASL Video](#)

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