

## WHAT ABOUT THE RISK OF UNKNOWN LONG-TERM SIDE EFFECTS AND COMPLICATIONS?

We don't know if there could be long-term side effects of the vaccine, but we also worry a lot about the long-term effects of getting COVID. We know that it is much less risky to get the vaccine than the infection in the short-term and we believe the chances of long-term side effects are lower with the vaccine than with infection. The nation's immunization experts study and analyze all reports of possible serious side effects following a COVID-19 vaccine.

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In June 2021, a specialized committee of the CDC met to deeply examine safety information so far and concluded that the benefits of vaccination far outweigh any harm.

### Ways To Get Vaccinated

- Here at your visit today!
- Schedule an appointment at **MyTurn.ca.gov** or call the CA COVID-19 Hotline at **1-833-422-4255**.
- At your retail pharmacy.

## COVID-19 Vaccine

## TOP 5 FAQs for Parents



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## **HOW WELL DOES THE VACCINE WORK IN ADOLESCENTS?**

The vaccine is highly effective in youth ages 12 and up, at least as effective as in adults. As in adults, effectiveness is not 100% but it is nearly 100% effective at preventing severe disease requiring hospitalization. Unlike most medicines, which treat or cure diseases that are already there, vaccines prevent them.

## **IS THE COVID-19 VACCINE SAFE FOR MY CHILD?**

Yes. The COVID-19 vaccine has been proven safe and effective for all youth ages 12 and up. The science behind the vaccines has been underway for over

20 years and COVID-19 vaccines conducted trials with thousands of youth under 18 before seeking FDA authorization. About 7 million children ages 12 to 17 have been vaccinated already in the United States, with rare serious adverse events. No vaccine in history has been so closely monitored for safety.

## **WHY DO CHILDREN NEED IT SINCE THEY DON'T GET THAT SICK IF INFECTED?**

Unfortunately, COVID-19 cases in children are increasing. Most kids do not get seriously ill from COVID but hundreds of children have died from it and thousands have been hospitalized. Others experience "long COVID" symptoms

that last for months. Children can also transmit to other more vulnerable people in their lives. Vaccination is the most important way to control the pandemic and reduce the effects on people of all ages.

## **WILL THE VACCINE IMPACT MY CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT?**

There have been no reported concerns of the COVID-19 vaccine impacting child development. In fact, being vaccinated allows our young people to get back to doing things crucial to their development, such as in-school learning, socializing and sports.