

Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccines: The Facts Are in the Stats

The time to vaccinate children against COVID-19 is now.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, 15 million children in the United States have gotten COVID-19. New COVID-19 variants are more dangerous and infectious to children than the original strains.

Children can also spread COVID-19 to others and develop serious complications from COVID-19, such as “long COVID” or a dangerous inflammatory disease called MIS-C.



Nationwide, COVID-19 has caused:



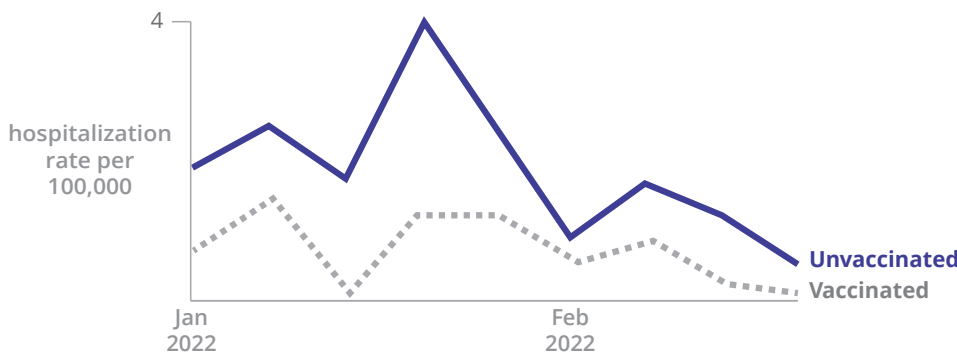
Over **1,800 deaths** in children



160,000 hospitalizations in children

Most children do not experience serious side effects from the vaccine. Vaccination remains the strongest tool we have to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and death.

Unvaccinated children in the United States are over 2x more likely to be hospitalized than vaccinated children.



Sources:

National Center for Health Statistics | CDC COVID Data Tracker: Hospital Admissions | American Academy of Pediatrics: Children and COVID-19 | Washington Department of Health COVID-19 Data Dashboard | Children and COVID-19: A State Data Report | Graph adapted with permission from the California Department of Public Health

Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccination of children 6 months and older is strongly recommended.



Children in Washington:

Ages 6 months – 4 years old

85% have not received their first dose of the vaccine

92% have not completed their primary series

Ages 5–11 years old

63% have not received their first dose of the vaccine

67% have not completed their primary series

68% of those eligible have not received a booster

Statewide, COVID-19 has caused:



Over **360,000 cases** in children



Over **2,000 hospitalizations** in children



20 deaths in children



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