



COVID-19 Vaccines and Children Ages 5-17

#1: Children have close to zero risk of death from COVID-19

- As of November 20, there have been an estimated [30,016 COVID-19-associated hospitalizations](#) in children ages 5-17 out of a total population of [49.5 million](#)—that's 0.06%. There have also been [651 deaths in children aged 5-17](#) attributed to COVID—a mortality rate of 0.001%. It is likely that most of those children had pre-existing health conditions which increased their risk of illness and death. More children ages 5-17 [die each year](#) from injury, suicide, cancer, homicide, and congenital anomalies.

#2: Vaccinating children does not prevent them from spreading the virus

- The CDC released a [study in July 2021](#) that confirmed that vaccinated people can become infected and transmit the COVID-19 virus to others. Even in a school with a 100% vaccination rate of students, teachers, and staff, cases can still occur and the virus can still be spread.

#3: The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination for children do not outweigh the risks

- A core tenet of medicine is that the benefits of a proposed intervention outweigh the risks. For children ages 5-17, the COVID-19 vaccines do not pass this test. Children are at higher risk from injury from the vaccine than they are from the disease itself.
- The CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force reported [1.3% of 12-15 year olds](#) given either dose of the Pfizer vaccine required medical care and 0.3% required an ER visit or hospital stay. Compare this percentage to the 0.06% hospitalization rate given in #1 above.
- The Vaccine Task Force also cited [128 cases of myocarditis/pericarditis](#) (heart inflammation that can cause permanent damage) in ages 12-17 years that had been reported to VAERS, compared to 0-4 cases expected for that age group—that's a 32 times increase in risk.

#4: The vaccines are experimental and long-term side-effects are unknown

- Because they are so new, it is not possible to know how the COVID-19 vaccines may affect children's health in the long run. No studies have yet been done on toxicity, carcinogenicity, fetal and reproductive risks, or other important aspects of safety.
- Due to the lack of long-term studies, the COVID-19 vaccines are approved for children ages 5-15 under an [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#). No COVID-19 vaccine is FDA-approved for children.

#5: Manufacturers are not liable for injuries caused by EUA vaccines

- All EUA vaccines are shielded from liability under the PREP Act. If your child is injured or killed by an EUA vaccine, you cannot sue—and the government will not pay for their medical care. Your only recourse is the [Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program \(CICP\)](#). The program has compensated less than 4% of petitioners to date.



COVID-19 Vaccines and Adults Ages 18+

#1: Adult risk of death from COVID-19 is minimal

- As of December 25, 2021, there have been an estimated [728,850 COVID-19-associated hospitalizations](#) in U.S. adults ages 18-49 out of a total population of 138.2 million—that's 0.5%. And an estimated [1.8 million COVID-19-associated hospitalizations](#) in adults ages 50+ out of a total population of 118.5 million—that's 1.5%. There have also been [44,389 deaths in adults aged 18-49](#) (a mortality rate of 0.03%) and [648,677 deaths in adults 50+](#) (a mortality rate of 0.5%) attributed to COVID-19. More adults [die each year](#) from heart disease and cancer.

#2: Vaccinating adults does not prevent them from spreading the virus

- The CDC released a [study in July 2021](#) that confirmed that vaccinated people can become infected and transmit the COVID-19 virus to others.
- The United Kingdom is reporting that [the majority of their new COVID-19 cases are in the fully vaccinated](#) (see page 35).

#3: COVID-19 vaccination carries the risk of injury and death

- The government's [Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#) has received [21,002 reports of death](#) from COVID-19 vaccination as of December 24, 2021. While these deaths are not verified, this is of immediate concern since the most deaths reported in a single year across *all other vaccines* was only 605. In addition, VAERS has received reports of 10,640 heart attacks, 3,435 miscarriages, and 36,492 severe allergic reactions.
- The CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force cited [545 cases of myocarditis/pericarditis](#) (heart inflammation that can cause permanent damage) in males ages 18-49 years that had been reported to VAERS, compared to no more than 143 cases expected for that age group—that's a 4 times increase in risk.

#4: The vaccines are experimental and long-term side-effects are unknown

- Because they are so new, it is not possible to know how the COVID-19 vaccines may affect human health in the long run. No studies have yet been done on toxicity, carcinogenicity, fetal and reproductive risks, or other important aspects of safety.

#5: Manufacturers are not liable for injuries caused by COVID-19 vaccines

- All vaccines authorized as a countermeasure against COVID-19 are [shielded from liability under the PREP Act](#). If you are injured or killed by a COVID-19 vaccine, you cannot sue—and the government will not pay for your medical care. Your only recourse is the [Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program \(CICP\)](#). The program has compensated less than 4% of petitioners to date.