

COVID-19 VACCINE FACTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has approved the Pfizer- BioNTech vaccine for Emergency Use Authorization for adolescents 12-15 years. In 2,260 adolescents ages 12-15 years, the vaccine demonstrated 100% efficacy and antibody responses and was well tolerated. Here is the [fact sheet](#) for recipients and caregivers.

Late last year, the Pfizer vaccine was authorized for individuals above 16 years of age with a demonstrated 95% efficacy rate. Here is the [fact sheet](#) for recipients and caregivers.

ALTHOUGH FEWER CHILDREN HAVE BEEN INFECTED WITH COVID-19 COMPARED TO ADULTS, CHILDREN CAN:

- Be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Get sick from COVID-19.
- Spread COVID-19 to others including parents and grandparents.

CONSIDERING THE COVID-19 VACCINE? HERE ARE SOME FACTS THAT WILL HELP YOU DECIDE:

- The COVID-19 vaccine will protect you against severe illness, hospitalizations and death from the virus.
- All COVID-19 vaccines have been tested in large clinical trials – more than 110,000 including children and adults from different races, ethnicities and health conditions.
- You WILL NOT get COVID-19 from the vaccine. There is no LIVE virus in the vaccine.
- The most common side effects reported by people after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine are mild to moderate symptoms: soreness at injection site, and some flu like symptoms. All of which are temporary.
- Even if you have had COVID-19, a vaccine gives you a stronger and consistent antibody response against COVID-19 and particularly helpful against new variants.
- COVID-19 may have long term effects, so a vaccine is protection against the virus and long-term effects from the virus.
- There is no evidence to support that the COVID-19 vaccine will affect a child's fertility in the future.
- Thanks to vaccines, diseases like smallpox and polio have been erased from communities around the world.

LET'S GET OUR LIFE BACK! PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

If you have questions or concerns about the vaccine or your health condition, please do not hesitate to call a PHMC Health Network nurse at [855.887.9229](tel:855.887.9229)