

Why it is important to get your child vaccinated

- Getting your child vaccinated is the best way to protect them and the people around them, including vulnerable family members, friends, and neighbors.
- Children who are fully vaccinated do not have to stay home (quarantine) if they are exposed to someone who has COVID-19. They also do not have to get tested as often.
- Getting your child vaccinated helps them stay safe during school, sports, and other social activities.
- Children may still get severe effects of COVID-19, and common conditions like asthma and obesity can put kids at an even greater risk of severe illness.
- Between July 1 and October 26, there have been more than 45,200 pediatric cases and more than 300 child hospitalizations related to COVID-19 in Minnesota. Serious cases can even occur in healthy children. About 25% of COVID-19 pediatric deaths nationally have occurred in healthy children.
- We are still learning more about COVID-19, but we know it can have some long-term health consequences. Since the beginning of the pandemic, about 100 Minnesotan children have been diagnosed with Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). MIS-C is a rare but serious syndrome that causes fever and inflammation and usually needs to be treated in a hospital.