# **Customizable Letter Template for COVID-19 Vaccination for Children**

This sample letter template has information about COVID-19 vaccination for children who are eligible and is designed for providers and partners to send to parents and caregivers. It may be adapted and used in blogs, email communication, newsletters, etc. and can be customized with contact information. Highlighted content indicates information that may be tailored based on the vaccine provider’s needs.

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COVID-19 vaccines are available for [children ages 6 months and older](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html). We are excited to offer vaccines at our [insert office, clinic, or other location] to help protect children against COVID-19. Getting children vaccinated against COVID-19 can help keep them from getting really sick if they get COVID-19. Vaccinating children can also help relieve the strain on families by providing greater confidence in children participating in childcare, school, and other activities.

Schedule [insert link to organizational scheduler] or call [insert phone number] to schedule your child’s COVID-19 vaccine today.

We know parents and caregivers have questions and want more information. Here's what you need to know.

**Children of all ages can get very sick from COVID-19.**

Children can get infected with COVID-19, get very sick, suffer short- and long-term health complications, and spread COVID-19 to others.

**{INSERT QUOTE FROM SPOKESPERSON. Suggested quote: *“In children who have been infected with COVID-19, we have seen a range of symptoms, from very mild to serious illness, and in some cases even requiring hospitalization. That’s why we recommend COVID-19 vaccination for all children ages 6 months and older to help protect them.”*} says [NAME and TITLE].**

**COVID-19 vaccination is safe and effective for children.**

COVID-19 vaccination has been studied carefully in children. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the expert panel that works with them have reviewed the data from clinical trials. Through ongoing safety monitoring, vaccination for children continues to be safe and effective. Here are some important points about COVID-19 vaccination for children:

* COVID-19 vaccine dosage is based on age on the day of vaccination, not by size or weight. Children get an age-appropriate dose that is the right amount for them.
* The safety of COVID-19 vaccine continues to be monitored. [Serious health events](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/safety-of-vaccines.html), including severe allergic reactions and myocarditis and pericarditis, after COVID-19 vaccination are rare.
* The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination for children outweigh the risks and potential serious complications of getting infected with COVID-19.

**Side effects may occur and are mild and temporary.**

Your child may have some [side effects](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html) after getting vaccinated. These are normal and usually go away in a few days. Some common side effects are

* Pain, redness, or swelling at the injection site
* Tiredness
* Headache
* Muscle pain, chills, or fever
* Irritability or crying
* Loss of appetite
* Fever

Some children will have no side effects and serious reactions are rare. If your child [experiences a severe allergic reaction](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/allergic-reaction.html) after getting a COVID-19 vaccine, we are ready to respond. Most of the time, the only things your child might need after vaccination is rest, a non-aspirin pain reliever, and a cool washcloth at the injection site. Contact us if you need more information about treating potential side effects.

After vaccination, enroll your child in [v-safe](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html), which provides personalized and confidential health check-ins to share how your child feels.

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Contact us with any questions at [insert contact info].