

# ACIP recommends COVID-19 vaccines for children aged $\geq 6$ months

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In the June 28 early-release issue of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, interim recommendations are presented for mRNA COVID-19 vaccines for young children aged 6 months to 5 years.

Katherine E. Fleming-Dutra, M.D., from the CDC in Atlanta, and colleagues provide the interim recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for use of Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for children aged 6 months to 5 years.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued Emergency Use Authorization amendments for the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccines for use in children on June 17, 2022. On June 18, 2022, the ACIP issued separate interim recommendations for use of these vaccines for COVID-19 prevention. The authors note that both vaccines met the criteria for immunobridging, which is the comparison of postvaccination neutralizing antibody levels in [young children](#) with those in [young adults](#) in whom efficacy has been shown. The ACIP recommendations for use of Moderna vaccine in children aged 6 months to 5 years and for use of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children aged 6 months to 4 years are interim and will be updated.

"ACIP determined that the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks, even in the setting of high seroprevalence among young children," the authors write. "Children may receive any ACIP-recommended COVID-19 vaccine and are encouraged to receive the earliest vaccine available to them."

**More information:** Katherine E. Fleming-Dutra et al, Interim Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Use of Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccines in Children Aged 6 Months–5 Years—United States, June 2022, *MMWR. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* (2022). [DOI:](#)

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