

# Moderna COVID-19 shots now an option for older kids in US

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There is now a second COVID-19 [option](#) for kids ages 6 to 17 in the U.S.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday announced it is recommending Moderna shots as an option for school-age kids and teens. This group has been able to get shots made by Pfizer since last year.

CDC sets the [federal government](#)'s vaccine guidance for U.S. doctors and their patients.

Last week, the Food and Drug Administration authorized the shots—full-strength doses for children ages 12 to 17 and half-strength for those 6 to 11. The doses are to be given about a month apart. An expert advisory panel this week [voted unanimously](#) to recommend that CDC endorse the Moderna shots, too.

Moderna officials have said they expect to later offer a booster to all kids ages 6 to 17.

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