The FDA has authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech and the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in children 6 months and older. COVID-19 vaccine can be given at the same time as other routine vaccinations.

COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to help us get back to normal.
The vaccines teach our bodies how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at preventing COVID-19, including severe illness and death. Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Play sports!
No more missing games, practices or other extra-curriculars! You won’t be sidelined from your favorite activities if you are up-to-date on your COVID-19 vaccinations, so long as you don’t develop symptoms.

What changes once you are fully vaccinated:
✓ You can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic. Masking is still recommended when the COVID-19 Community Level in your area is high.
✓ Make sure you are up-to-date on your COVID-19 vaccinations to keep yourself protected.
   People 5 years and older are eligible for a booster dose if at least 5 months have passed since they completed their primary Pfizer vaccination series. A booster for children under 18 years who received the Moderna vaccine has not been approved yet, but it is likely on the way.

Prevent COVID-19 and Severe Illness
Children can get sick with COVID-19 and spread the virus to others, even if they don’t have symptoms. Most children with COVID-19 have mild symptoms or have no symptoms at all. However, some children can get severely ill from COVID-19. They might require hospitalization, intensive care, or a ventilator to help them breathe. In rare cases, they might die. Experts are also investigating a rare but serious medical condition associated with COVID-19 in children called Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children MIS-C. The National Institutes of Health estimate that 11-15% of children infected with COVID-19 develop long-term symptoms.

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