COVID Vaccines for Babies & Children: Frequently Asked Questions

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Efuh nga enenuh in sang fakfek in kohsrkohsr nuhsin tuhlihk suhhtik in lain COVID?

- COVID el sie ma sensen nuhsin tuhlihk srihsrihk uh.
  - Sa na yohkwelihk pihsen tuhlihk srihsrihk ma kaulih ke lohm ono ke pacl se emeet Omicron sikyak ke puhluhn pacl in mwihsrihsr (winter) in yac 2021 nuhke 2022.
  - In May 28, 2022 oasr tari pihsen tuhlihk srihsrihk 442 ma srihk liki yac 5, misac ke srihpen COVID.

- Pwacye la sensen in kauli ke lohm ono ac misac ke srihpen COVID tiac arlac yohk yurin tuhlihk srihsrihk oacna mwet mahtuh uh, tuhsruhtuh srackna oasr mwe sensen ke COVID nuh selos. Pandemic se inge ma orek fin facluh nohfohn eslah moul luhn mwet mahtuh million pucspucs. Ke srihpen pihsen mwet mahtuh ma misac arlacna yohk, tiac kalmac pa usren mas inge tiac sensen nuhsin tuhlihk srihsrihk uh. Aohlukheh sucu 400 ingena ma ahwowo ac tuhlihk srihsrihk nahtuhlos misac tari.

- Kuht tiac kuh in fwhak lah piyac kac tuhlihk ma ac weack mas upac ke COVID, ahlukwelah tahfuhn tuhlihk ma kauli luun lohm ono, wacngihn mas lalos meet liki elos kauli.

- Ingena kuht kuh in loangwelrah misac luhn tuhlihk srihsrihk ke kuht kahsrelos in eis fakfek in kohsrkohsr.

- In sang fakfek in kohsrkohsr nuhsin tuhlihk srihsrihk uh kuh pac in kahsruh mahnolos in fokoko ac tahfwelah na wi lutowh, ac tulokinyac kuhtwena ma ma kuh in ahkulukye mukwikwi lalos ke kais sie lwen.
**English: Why should I vaccinate my child against COVID?**

- COVID is a risk for young children.
  - Hospitalizations rose sharply in young children during the first Omicron wave in winter 2021-22.
  - As of May 28, 2022 there have been 442 COVID deaths in children under the age of 5.
- While the risk of hospitalization and death from COVID is much lower in children than adults, children are still at risk from COVID. The global pandemic has taken the lives of millions of adults. Just because the number of adult deaths has been unimaginably high, however, does not mean the impact to children has been insignificant. Over 400 families now have empty high chairs and booster seats at their tables each morning.
- We can’t predict which children will have severe illness from a COVID infection – more than half of children who have been hospitalized don’t have any underlying medical conditions.
- We can now prevent the death of children by getting them vaccinated.
- Vaccinating children can also help keep them healthy and in school, avoiding further disruption to their routines.

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**Yac fakfek in kohsrkoahsr nuhke COVID wo nuhsin tuhlihk nuhtihk uh?**

- Ahok, fakfek in kohsrkoahsr nuhke COVID-19 tiac sensen nuhsin tuhlihk ma srihk liki yac 5.
- Ke pacl se mwe srihkaskarh ak tuh orek, ahlukwelal ahwoowo 9,000 ac tuhlihk srihk liki yac 5, ac ahlukwelal tuhlihk million 10 ma oasr ke matwac yac 5 nuhke 11, eis mwe fakfek in kohsrkoahsr inge in lain COVID.
- Fakfek in kohsrkoahsr inge sahp ac oruh tuh oasr kuhtuh puhla kuluk ma ac sifyak, tuhshruhk ma inge ma na nuhke kihtin pacl ac tiac sensen. Tuhlihk ma srihk liki yac 5 ac puhla ngal ac e sruhsrahlah acn se ma fakfeki ke pacl in fakfek sac, fohl, insucf ngal, mwihsrihsr, ac ngal in mahno. Kain in puhla inge ahkkahlwemye lah immune system luhn tuhlihk nuhtum an el kacfwecacng orekma in karihnginuhlos.
- Luhpan ono ke fakfek ah ac pacl ma fakfek inge orek, suleyucklac wo in orek ac srihkeyuck tuh in tiac sensen ac orekma wo nuhsin tuhlihk srihsrihk uh. Luhpan ono ke fakfek sac oreklac in fal nuhke luhpan mahtuhiyen immune system luhn tuhlihk sacn, ac tiac luhpan yohkiacn mahno. Pasis fakfek inge orek fal nuhke matwen tuhlihk ac tiac toasriyaclos.
**English: Is the COVID vaccine safe for my child?**

- **Yes**, the COVID-19 vaccines are safe for kids under 5.
- The clinical trials included more than 9,000 babies and children under 5, and more than 10 million children ages 5-11 have been vaccinated against COVID.
- The vaccine might cause some mild to moderate, temporary reactions that are not dangerous. Children under 5 experienced pain and redness at the injection site, fever, headaches, chills, and muscle pain. These reactions mean your child’s immune system is working to protect them.
- The dosage and timing of the vaccine has been specifically developed and tested to be safe and effective in the youngest kids. The dosage is based on the maturity of your child’s immune system, not on the size of your child, which is why it is based on age and not weight.
- The risk of myocarditis and pericarditis, a very rare vaccine side effect that has been seen especially in adolescent males, appears to be very low for children under 5 (lower than for adults and adolescents). There were no cases in the trials, and experts will continue to monitor for this rare side effect in real-world use.
- We have more data on the safety of the COVID-19 vaccines than we will EVER have for most medicines, vitamins, or nutritional supplements.
- Even after vaccines are approved, safety systems are constantly monitoring for any rare side effects or safety concerns.
Ngac eis ohycf akfek in kohsrkoahr nuhsin tuhlikh nuhtihk?

• Oasr million 10 ke ono in fakfek inge ac ituckyang nuh sin mwet ke wik se meet ah na raun ahkluo ac fah orek ke wik se na tuhkuh ah.
• Pahpah ac ninac kuh in som nuhke vaccine.gov in liye acn ma apkuhran emeet nuhselos in eis fakfek in kohsrkoahr nuhke COVID-19 nuhsin tuhlikh nahtuhlhos. State nuhkewa liyacng tuh in oasr fakfek in kohsrkoahr ma som nuh yurin ohfuhs luhn public health in kahsruh tuhlikh ma wacngihn taktuh lalos kuh in kahsruh daktuh ma wacngihn acn ma fal ac tiac sensen in fihihyac kuh sruokyac ono inge we.

**English: Where can I get the vaccine for my child?**

• An initial supply of 10 million doses will be available the first week with a second round of doses available the following week.
• Parents can visit vaccines.gov to view the nearest available COVID-19 vaccine options for their children. All states are ensuring they have vaccines available at public health departments in case a child does not have a personal health care provider or in the case that some providers are unable to stock the vaccine due to storage requirements.

Yac tuhlikh se nuhtihk inge kuh in eis fakfek in kohsrkoahr nuhke COVID ke pacl se pacna ma e leis fakfek in kohsrkoahr sahyac?

• Ahok, tuhlikh srihsrihk nuhtum an kuh in eis fakfek in kohsrkoahr nuhke COVID ke pacl se pacna ma el eis fakfek in kohsrkoahr sahyac.
• Ahwowo uh ac tuhlikh ma srih liki yac 5 kwacna eis puhs liki fakfek in kohsrkoahr sefanna ke pacl se elos som nuh yurin daktuh lalos. Fakfek in kohsrkoahr inge ac karingihn elos liki kain in mas sensen 14, ac ingena weacng pac COVID-19.
• Puhs sucu ma tiac kuh in ahkfalye pacl in eis fakfek in kohsrkoahr ke puhluhn pacl in pandemic se inge. Pwacnacng in oraclah oakhuck yurin daktuh luhn tuhlikh nuhtum an in eis fakfek in kohsrkoahr nuhke COVID-19 pa sie pacl wo in eis pac fakfek in kohsrkoahr nuhkewa sahyac ma tuhlikh sacn soenna eis.
• In eis fakfek ma enwenweyuck inge loangelah kain in mas 1,913 ke kais sie ao, loangwelah kauli ke lohm ono luhn mwet 2,685 kais sie lwen, ac loangwelah mwet 720 in tiac sa misac ke kais sie wik fin acn Macrike. Ono in fakfek in kohsrkoahr inge pa se mwet kahsruh wo emeet in karihngihn tuhlikh nahtuhrj ac sucu lasr in tiac mas.
**English: Can my child get a COVID vaccine at the same time as other vaccines?**

- Yes, children can get the COVID vaccine at the same time as other vaccines.
- Babies and children under 5 often get more than one vaccine at a time when they visit their pediatrician. These recommended vaccines provide protection against 14 dangerous diseases – and now COVID-19 too.
- Many families missed getting routine vaccines during the pandemic, so making an appointment with your child’s healthcare provider to get the COVID-19 vaccine is a good time to get caught up on any missed vaccines, too.
- Routine wellness vaccines prevent an average of 1,913 illnesses per hour, 2,685 hospitalizations per day, and 720 early deaths per week in the United States. They are one of our most important tools for keeping our children and families healthy.

**Yac tuhlihk se nuhtihk inge enenuh in eis fakfek in kohsrkohsr luhn COVID fin el weack tari COVID?**

- Ahok. Finnwe oasr tari wet sac in mahnomos, ac tiac kuh in karihngihn wo elan tiac sifwil weack, yohk na ke srihpen wet sasuc ma sikiyak ke pacl inge oacna Omicron.
- In eis fakfek in kohsrkohsr ac ahkfokokoye karihngihnyen monun tuhlihk sacn ac wacngihn mwe sensen ma tuhkuh ke mas sac (infection).
- Fin tuhlihk nuhtum an tuh weack COVID, fakfek in kohsrkohsr se tok an kuh in ituck tukun mahlwem 3 liki pacl se ma symptom lal ngacn tuh muhtwacwack kuh ke pacl se ma el eis mwe srihkasrak tuh weack mas ah. Sramsram nuhsin daktuh lom in oraclah sulaclah ma wo emeet nuhsin tuhlihk nuhtum an.

**English: Should my child get a COVID vaccine if they’ve already had COVID?**

- Yes. Prior infection does not protect as well against getting infected again, especially with the newer virus variants like Omicron.
- Getting vaccinated provides a boost in protection without the risk that comes with infection.
- If your child was infected with COVID, their next vaccine dose can be delayed 3 months from when symptoms started or when they tested positive. Talk to your care provider to make the best decision for your child.