

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS with dr. Joss

It's your turn to get the COVID-19 vaccine and you might have questions about that. Let's talk about some of the top questions I hear from kids like you (and your grown-ups too!).

Question: Can kids get the vaccine? Answer: YES!

Kids who are ages 5 to 11 can now get the vaccine to help stop COVID – just like your parents, older brothers or sisters, or other family members.

Q: Why do I need the COVID-19 vaccine? A: There are a lot of good reasons to get the vaccine.

The vaccine can stop you from getting sick with COVID. That means you also can help protect the people around you too - your friends, family and other people you love.

The vaccine will help us get back to normal, to do all the things we love.

Q. Will the vaccine make me sick?

A. No.

The vaccine can't give you COVID. You might feel a little tired or your arm might be sore after, and sometimes you might even get a fever. That's normal – and it means your body is busy learning what it's supposed to do to protect you.

Q: How Does the Vaccine Work? A: It's As Easy As 1–2–3!





The COVID vaccine gives your body a picture of what the germs look like, so your body can build up an army of cells to fight.



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COVID germs want to invade your body and make you sick.



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These special cells act as guards, so if COVID germs show up, your body is ready to recognize and destroy them!



IT'S YOUR VACCINE DAY!

Question: What will happen when I get my vaccine?

Answer: Three main things will happen at your appointment.

Be there: You may have to wait for your turn. Your grownup will have papers that have to be handed in and friendly people will be there to answer any questions. **Get your vaccine:** You'll sit on a chair, or maybe on your grown-up's lap, and get ready. You'll roll up your sleeve, and then your only job is to relax! You know it's done when you get your band-aid.

Waiting: You will be asked to stay for 15 minutes. It's a good time to tell your grown-up a story, or you can take some crayons along and colour our favourite helpers.

