

COVID-19 Boosters Now Available for Kids Ages 5-11



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COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) NC UPDATE

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NC DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

Kids HAVE A
SPOT TO TAKE THEIR
SHOT.

Kids ages 5-11 can get a COVID-19
booster **5 months** after they got
their initial COVID-19 vaccines.



Visit MySpot.nc.gov to locate a pediatric provider near you.

Children ages 5 to 11 years old can receive a COVID-19 booster five months after the date of their most recent Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine dose.

The Food and Drug Administration's authorization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation that children ages 5 to 11 get boosted comes as

COVID-19 cases are on the rise again across North Carolina.

During the recent Omicron surge, those who were boosted were seven times less likely to be hospitalized and 21 times less likely to die from COVID-19 compared to those who were unvaccinated.

Booster shots are available anywhere COVID-19 vaccines are available and are free regardless of insurance or immigration status. The Pfizer booster is the only brand currently available to children ages 5 to 11. Call ahead to make sure the location you choose has the age-appropriate Pfizer vaccine available.

For more information about how vaccines for children work and where you can find a vaccine or booster appointment nearby, visit [MySpot.nc.gov](https://www.myspot.nc.gov).

[P-EBT Benefits Extended Through 2021-22 School Year](#)



North Carolina's youngest children who are eligible for food assistance benefits will begin to receive extra monthly benefits tied to the COVID-19 pandemic for the 2021-2022 school year. This week, NCDHHS is issuing the first round of Child Care P-EBT benefits for nearly 220,000 children who were eligible during September and October 2021.

These benefits will continue to be issued monthly through August 2022, covering food needs for children who were eligible from September 2021 to May 2022. Children are eligible if they were 5 years old or younger as of Sept. 1, 2021 and participated in Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). People interested in applying for FNS benefits may apply [online](#) or through your [local county department of social services](#). Read more in a recent [news release](#).

[COVID-19 Student Response Corps Internships Available to Provide Help to Nonprofits, Local Governments](#)

Year three of the NC COVID-19 Student Response Corps is underway with nearly 100 internship opportunities across the state featured in the 2022 [Response Corps Database](#). Current college students and recent graduates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible for these internships to gain valuable experience and provide needed help to local governments and nonprofits.

The Response Corps started in 2020 as a virtual internship program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Internships are available in person and virtually, both part-time and full-time. The initiative is part of Gov. Cooper's NC Job Ready effort to make sure North Carolinians are prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow. The program helps strengthen the public service talent pipeline and prepares North Carolina's students for employment.

[COVID-19 Treatments](#)

Have [symptoms](#)? Don't wait. COVID-19 [treatments](#) can lower your risk of hospitalization or death.

- Talk to your doctor about treatment.
- To find treatment options, go to [covid19.ncdhhs.gov/FindTreatment](https://www.covid19.ncdhhs.gov/FindTreatment).
- Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 888-720-7489) to find out more about treatment. The call center can help if you do not have a health care provider. This line can accept callers in 150 languages, including English and Spanish.

Treatments are not a substitute for [vaccination](#). Vaccines offer the best protection against COVID-19.

Spread the word about FDA authorized treatments for COVID-19 by [sharing this flyer](#).

[COVID-19 Testing](#)

You should get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible if you have symptoms, and after five days if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19. Seek medical attention immediately for serious symptoms such as trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion or inability to arouse, or bluish lips or face.

- NC Medicaid beneficiaries [can receive free at-home COVID-19 tests](#) from their local pharmacies. Beneficiaries should select an at-home test at their preferred

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- pharmacy and present their NC Medicaid ID card to the pharmacy for no out-of-pocket cost. The pharmacist will be able to bill Medicaid on the patient's behalf.
 - Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order a third round of free at-home COVID-19 tests. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them at covidtests.gov.
 - To find a PCR testing site near you, visit ncdhhs.gov/GetTested.
 - For an up-to-date list of no-cost community testing events, visit the [No-Cost Testing Events](#) webpage.

Get the Latest Information

- Visit the [NCDHHS COVID-19 website](#) for information, a [data dashboard](#), [updates](#), [live briefings](#), the [latest guidance](#) and more.
- Go to [North Carolina's COVID-19 Information Hub](#) for resources, information and assistance across state government, including the latest [news releases](#).
- Check out YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov to learn more about [finding your spot](#) to get your shot, [videos](#) about the COVID-19 vaccine, and other resources.
- Follow NCDHHS on [social media](#).
- View your vaccine information ([English](#), [Spanish](#)).



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