

### 6 months and up EUA Resource Toolkit for Parents

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to children ages 6 months and up. Following rigorous review of the data, the FDA and CDC have announced that the three-dose Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is now available to children 6 months to 4 years old, and the two-dose Moderna vaccine is now available to children 6 months and up.

After closely reviewing the data and guidance, the Louisiana Department of Health recommends that all eligible children 6 months old and above receive the COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves and minimize harmful effects of COVID-19. With COVID-19 levels still high in Louisiana, vaccination against COVID-19 will strengthen your child's immune system, help prevent severe COVID-19 symptoms, and reduce the likelihood of them developing conditions or experiencing complications from COVID-19.

If you are a parent/caregiver to a child 6 months or older, go ahead and reach out to your pediatrician now to inquire about their intent to provide the COVID-19 vaccines for your child's age. If you do not have access to a pediatrician, you can call our COVID-19 Vaccine Support Hotline at 1-855-453-0774.

#### RISK OF COVID TO CHILDREN

- Tragically, LDH has reported a total of 21 children in Louisiana have died from COVID-19 since the pandemic began, all of whom were not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Medical reports show COVID can trigger a serious medical condition in some children that causes their heart, brain, and other organs to swell. There have been more than 300 cases of this COVID-related syndrome in Louisiana alone. Vaccinating your children will lower their risks of getting this serious condition as well as protect them from other COVID complications.

Staying up-to-date on our COVID-19 vaccinations is key to keeping our families safe and enjoying summer with confidence.

It's understandable that parents may have a lot of questions. Parents are encouraged to rely on trusted sources of information like the FDA, CDC and LDH.

**What you can do:**

- Talk to your child's doctor today about the COVID-19 vaccines.
- If you do not have a healthcare provider, you can find a nearby vaccination at [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov) or [ldh.la.gov/kidsvax](http://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax).
- If you have questions or need help scheduling an appointment, you can call Louisiana's COVID-19 Support Hotline at 855-453-0774.

**RESOURCES FOR PARENTS**

**NEW** Q&A ONE PAGER ON VACCINES FOR CHILDREN 6 MONTHS & UP [DOWNLOAD HERE](#).

**NEW** POSTER FOR DISTRIBUTION [DOWNLOAD HERE](#).

FACT SHEET ON THERAPEUTICS [DOWNLOAD HERE](#).





**SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES****SUGGESTED ACCOUNTS & LINKS**




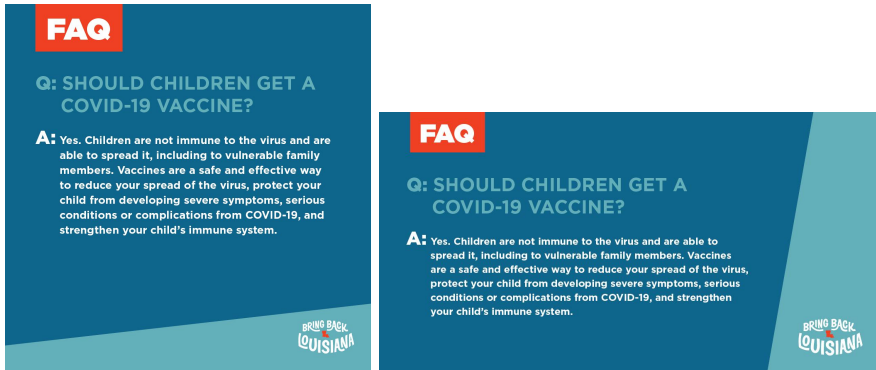
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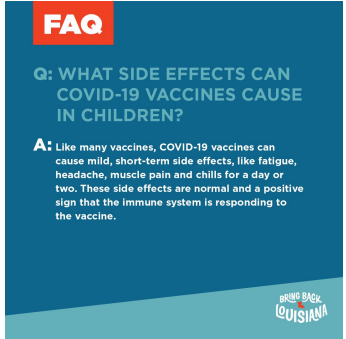
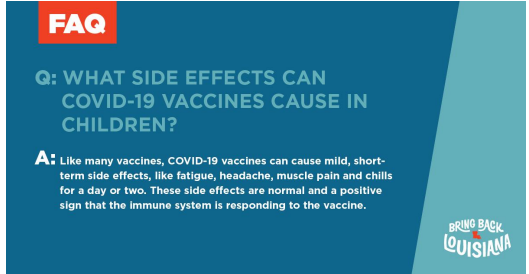

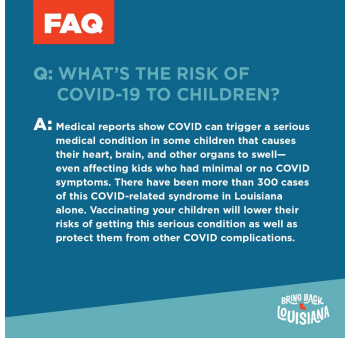
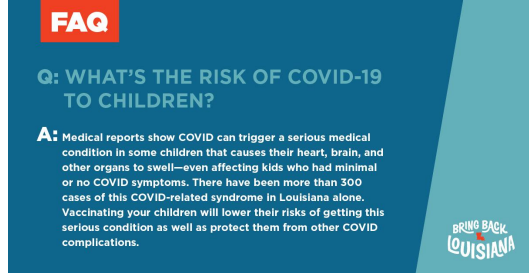
<b>Bring Back Louisiana #SleevesUp</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facebook: <a href="#">@BringBackLASleevesUp</a></li><li>• Twitter: <a href="#">@SleevesUpLA</a></li><li>• Instagram: <a href="#">@SleevesUpLA</a></li></ul>	<b>Links/Calls to Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To get more info on where to get the vaccine: <a href="http://covidvaccine.la.gov">covidvaccine.la.gov</a></li><li>• For pediatric vaccine info, go to: <a href="http://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax">ldh.la.gov/kidsvax</a></li><li>• Call Louisiana's COVID-19 Support Hotline at 1-855-453-0774.</li></ul>
<b>Louisiana Department of Health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facebook: <a href="#">@LADeptHealth</a></li><li>• Twitter: <a href="#">@LADeptHealth</a></li><li>• Instagram: <a href="#">@ladepthealth</a></li></ul>	<b>Hashtags</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• #SleevesUp</li><li>• #SleevesUpLA</li><li>• #BringBackLA</li><li>• #GiveCOVIDtheBoot</li><li>• #StepUpLouisiana</li></ul>

## SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT

VARIOUS SIZE GRAPHICS FOR SOCIAL: [DOWNLOAD HERE.](#)





Social Media Channel	Messaging	Image
	<p>Louisianans ages 6 months and up are now eligible for a FREE and SAFE #COVID19 #vaccine.</p> <p>Parents: You may have a lot of questions, that's okay! Lean on reliable sources of information from your child's doctor, the @CDCgov and @LADeptHealth.</p> <p>Visit <a href="https://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax">ldh.la.gov/kidsvax</a> to learn more or call 1-855-453-0774 to speak with a medical professional and schedule your or your child's appointment today!</p>	
	<p>It's easy as 1, 2, 3!</p> <p>If you're a parent or caregiver, you may have questions about the #COVID19 #vaccine for children. That's okay! There are THREE things you can do right now to learn more:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➡ Talk to your child's doctor today about the COVID-19 vaccines.</li> <li>➡ If you do not have a healthcare provider, you can find a nearby vaccination at <a href="https://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax">ldh.la.gov/kidsvax</a>.</li> <li>➡ If you have questions or need help scheduling an appointment, you can call Louisiana's COVID-19 Support Hotline at 855-453-0774.</li> </ul>	











	<p>You wouldn't think of driving your kid around without a car seat. Why let them go unvaccinated?</p> <p>Medical reports show COVID can trigger a serious medical condition in some children that causes their heart, brain, and other organs to swell. There have been more than 300 cases of this COVID-related syndrome in Louisiana alone.</p> <p>The safe, effective children's COVID vaccine is now available for children ages 6 months and up. Vaccinating your children will lower their risks of getting this serious condition as well as protect them from other COVID complications.</p> <p>Learn more: visit <a href="https://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax">ldh.la.gov/kidsvax</a> or call Louisiana's COVID-19 Support Hotline at 855-453-0774.</p>	
	<p>Q: Should kids get the #COVID19 #vaccine?</p> <p>A: YES! With COVID-19 levels still high in Louisiana, vaccination against COVID-19 will strengthen your child's immune system, help prevent severe COVID-19 symptoms, and reduce the likelihood of them developing conditions or experiencing complications from COVID-19. Staying up-to-date on our COVID-19 vaccinations is key to keeping our families safe and enjoying summer with confidence.</p> <p>Learn more: visit <a href="https://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax">ldh.la.gov/kidsvax</a> or call Louisiana's COVID-19 Support Hotline at 855-453-0774.</p>	

	<p>Q: What are the side effects of the COVID-19 vaccines?</p> <p>A: COVID-19 vaccines can cause mild, short-term side effects like fatigue, headache, muscle pain and chills. These side effects are normal &amp; a positive sign that your body is building protection.</p> <p>You may have more questions, that's okay! Rely on trusted sources of information, like your child's doctor, @CDCgov, and @LAHealthDept.</p> <p>Learn more: visit <a href="https://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax">ldh.la.gov/kidsvax</a> or call Louisiana's COVID-19 Support Hotline at 855-453-0774.</p>	<div data-bbox="982 115 1325 451">  <p><b>FAQ</b></p> <p><b>Q: WHAT SIDE EFFECTS CAN COVID-19 VACCINES CAUSE IN CHILDREN?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Like many vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines can cause mild, short-term side effects, like fatigue, headache, muscle pain and chills for a day or two. These side effects are normal and a positive sign that the immune system is responding to the vaccine.</p> <p>BRING BACK LOUISIANA</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1325 180 1850 451">  <p><b>FAQ</b></p> <p><b>Q: WHAT SIDE EFFECTS CAN COVID-19 VACCINES CAUSE IN CHILDREN?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Like many vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines can cause mild, short-term side effects, like fatigue, headache, muscle pain and chills for a day or two. These side effects are normal and a positive sign that the immune system is responding to the vaccine.</p> <p>BRING BACK LOUISIANA</p> </div>
	<p>Q: What's the risk of #COVID19 to children?</p> <p>A: Since March 2020, Louisiana has tragically lost 21 children to COVID, all of whom were not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations. Medical reports show COVID can trigger a serious medical condition in some children that causes their heart, brain, and other organs to swell. There have been more than 300 cases of this COVID-related syndrome in Louisiana alone. Vaccinating your children will lower their risks of getting this serious condition as well as protect them from other COVID complications.</p> <p>You may have more questions, that's okay! Rely on trusted sources of information, like your child's doctor, @CDCgov, and @LAHealthDept.</p> <p>Learn more: visit <a href="https://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax">ldh.la.gov/kidsvax</a> or call Louisiana's COVID-19 Support Hotline at 855-453-0774.</p>	<div data-bbox="982 602 1325 938">  <p><b>FAQ</b></p> <p><b>Q: WHAT'S THE RISK OF COVID-19 TO CHILDREN?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Medical reports show COVID can trigger a serious medical condition in some children that causes their heart, brain, and other organs to swell—even affecting kids who had minimal or no COVID symptoms. There have been more than 300 cases of this COVID-related syndrome in Louisiana alone. Vaccinating your children will lower their risks of getting this serious condition as well as protect them from other COVID complications.</p> <p>BRING BACK LOUISIANA</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1325 667 1850 938">  <p><b>FAQ</b></p> <p><b>Q: WHAT'S THE RISK OF COVID-19 TO CHILDREN?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Medical reports show COVID can trigger a serious medical condition in some children that causes their heart, brain, and other organs to swell—even affecting kids who had minimal or no COVID symptoms. There have been more than 300 cases of this COVID-related syndrome in Louisiana alone. Vaccinating your children will lower their risks of getting this serious condition as well as protect them from other COVID complications.</p> <p>BRING BACK LOUISIANA</p> </div>


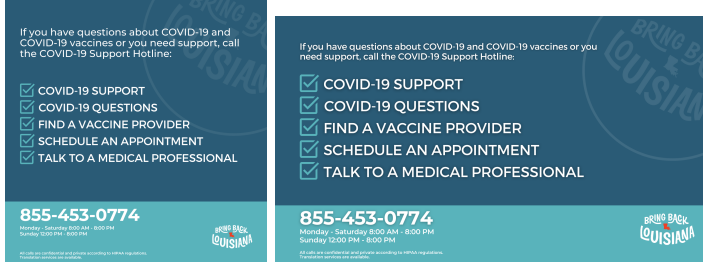
	<p>There's a lot of misinformation floating around about the #COVID19 #vaccines, especially how the vaccines impact children.</p> <p>As with other age groups, #vaccines developed for children are under the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. It's important for parents and families to rely on trusted sources of information like your child's doctor, @CDCgov, and @LADeptHealth.</p> <p>Vaccinating children will strengthen your child's immune system, help prevent severe #COVID19 symptoms, and reduce the likelihood of them developing conditions or experiencing complications from COVID-19.</p> <p>Learn more: <a href="http://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax">ldh.la.gov/kidsvax</a> or call the COVID-19 Support Hotline: 1-855-453-0774.</p>	 <p><a href="#">Link to the rest of the graphics</a></p>
	<p>The COVID-19 Support Hotline is LIVE!</p> <p>We've made it easier for you to get the information you need all in one place. Call the COVID-19 Support Hotline if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ HAVE COVID-19 QUESTIONS</li> <li>✓ NEED COVID-19 SUPPORT</li> <li>✓ NEED HELP FINDING A VACCINE PROVIDER</li> <li>✓ WANT TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT</li> </ul>	



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	<p>Got COVID Questions? We've got the answers, we're just a phone call away!</p> <p>With the recent COVID increases, we get it, you may have a lot of questions. For answers or to speak with a trusted medical professional, call the COVID-19 Support Hotline, a convenient resource to get your COVID-19 and vaccine questions answered.</p> <p>Learn more: <a href="https://ldh.la.gov/kidsvax">ldh.la.gov/kidsvax</a> or call the COVID-19 Support Hotline: 1-855-453-0774.</p>	
	<p>@CDCgov and @LADeptHealth recommend all children 6 months &amp; up get the COVID-19 #vaccine and everyone 5 &amp; up get a #booster shot as soon as they are eligible.</p> <p>COVID-19 boosters significantly broaden and strengthen protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death.</p> <p>Swipe to see if you're eligible ➡</p> <p>Call the COVID-19 Support Hotline at 1-855-453-0774 to schedule your appointment or speak to a medical professional about the questions</p>	

<p>you have.</p> <p>  </p> <p>Can the COVID-19 vaccine affect my fertility? NO.</p> <p>An overwhelming body of evidence regarding the safety of #COVID vaccines show that getting vaccinated against #COVID had no obvious effects on fertility rates in either men or women.</p> <p>Should pregnant individuals get vaccinated? YES.</p> <p>It's highly recommended that pregnant people, people who are breastfeeding and people planning to get pregnant get vaccinated and boosted. It is not only safe and effective, but it also passes on protection to their babies.</p> <p>Call the COVID-19 Support Hotline at 855-453-0774 if you'd like to speak with a medical professional and to schedule an appointment.</p> <p>Getting vaccinated and boosted when eligible protects you and your growing family.</p>		 
<p>  </p> <p>The CDC strongly recommends the COVID-19 vaccine for everyone 6 months and older, including people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant, or might become pregnant in the future.</p> <p>Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is your best protection against severe illness from COVID-19. If you're unvaccinated, you are the most vulnerable.</p> <p>If you are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future, get vaccinated and stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines to help protect yourself and your baby.</p>		 



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## HOW CAN YOU GET TREATMENT?

It's easy - contact your local healthcare provider or go to [covid.gov](https://covid.gov) to find a Test-to-Treat location near you. If you test positive and treatments are appropriate, you'll receive a prescription from your healthcare provider and have your prescription filled all at the Test-to-Treat location.

Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489) to get help in English, Spanish, and more than 150 other languages.

**If you have COVID-19, you have treatment options.**

If you test positive for COVID-19, talk to a doctor as soon as possible about treatment options.

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Veklury/ Remdesivir	Paxlovid
Given by IV once a day for 5 days, can take up to 2 hours to administer	Three pills taken twice daily for 5 days
Molnupiravir	Monoclonal Antibodies (mAbs)
Two pills taken twice daily for 5 days	Given by IV one time, can take up to 2 hours to administer

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To access services for people with disabilities, call the Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) at 1-888-671-7899 or email [disabilityinfo@mississippi.gov](mailto:disabilityinfo@mississippi.gov)

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**REMINDER**

COVID-19 vaccines effectively protect people from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and even dying—especially people who are boosted.

As with vaccines for other diseases, you are protected best when you stay up to date. CDC recommends that everyone who is eligible stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines, including people with weakened immune systems.

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