

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does the COVID-19 vaccine cost?

The COVID-19 vaccine is free, and no proof of immigration status is necessary.

Where can my baby/young child get the COVID-19 vaccine?

Contact your family doctor to schedule a vaccine appointment. If your child does not have a regular doctor, call 1-866-967-4677 or visit [SccFreeVax.org](https://www.sccfreevax.org) for more information.

Do the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks?

Vaccines can prevent infectious diseases. Without vaccines, your child is at risk for getting seriously ill and suffering pain, disability, and even death from diseases. Serious side effects that could cause a long-term health problem are extremely unusual following any vaccination, including COVID-19 vaccination. The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention continues to closely monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.

How do mRNA Vaccines Work?

COVID-19 vaccines are mRNA vaccines. The COVID-19 vaccine is created by using mRNA created in a laboratory to teach our cells how to make a protein—or even just a piece of a protein—that triggers an immune response inside our bodies. That immune response, which produces antibodies, is what protects us from getting infected if the real virus enters our bodies.

Should my child get shots if they are sick?

Talk with your child's doctor, but children can usually get vaccinated even if they have a mild illness like a cold, earache, mild fever, or diarrhea. If the doctor says it is okay, your child can get vaccinated.

If I'm breastfeeding, do I vaccinate my baby?

Yes, even breastfed babies need to be protected with vaccines at the recommended ages. The immune system is not fully developed at birth, which puts newborns at greater risk for infections.

If I'm pregnant, should I get vaccinated against COVID-19?

Yes, COVID-19 vaccination is safe for pregnant people. For the first six months of life, the baby will be protected against COVID-19 by antibodies given at birth.