

Mayo Clinic Minute: Back-to-School COVID-19 vaccinations for kids

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	"We strongly encourage everyone to make sure their child is up to date with their COVID vaccine before returning to school."
	Everyone 6 months of age and older is now eligible for an authorized COVID-19 vaccination.
Nipunie Rajapakse, M.D. Pediatric Infectious Diseases Mayo Clinic	"What we've seen since the rollout of vaccines for kids 6 months up to 18 years of age is that the vaccines are extremely safe. They're well-tolerated in kids, and they are providing good protection against hospitalization and death from COVID-19."
	Providing the extra layer of protection against getting sick with COVID-19 will not only help keep kids from missing school, but it can also help prevent complications that have been associated with COVID-19 infection.
	"Long COVID, for example, we have seen this, especially in kids and teenage age group. We know that getting vaccinated can prevent that from developing. Other complications, like multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, which can be a really severe, life-threatening complication of COVID-19 infection, is also, the risk is lower if you've had your COVID-19 vaccines."
	Parents and guardians can touch base with their child's health care professional to see if they are due for a vaccination or a booster vaccination before the new school year.
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm DeeDee Stiepan.