

Covid-19 vaccination for ages 5-11



# Vaccinate or wait?



**Five** important points to help you make the best decision for the health of your child.

# Did you know:

## 1. Vaccines do not prevent transmission

Initial trial data suggested that vaccination reduced the risk of hospitalisation and death from Covid. However, children are not at a significant risk of either, therefore there is no substantial benefit for them. While some data shows vaccines can reduce the severity of symptoms for a short period, they actually increase the chances of becoming infected and infecting others in the first 1-2 weeks after each dose. The subsequent protection they offer starts to decline after about two months, therefore regular boosters are required indefinitely, until natural immunity is acquired.

The UK is now starting to roll out its fourth dose.

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## 2. There is still no long-term safety data

Trials are running until 2023, but in just a few months there have already been reports of severe and permanent adverse reactions following a single dose. The cumulative impact of regular doses is of course currently unknown, but many doctors have advised against ongoing boosters.

Children have their whole lives ahead of them, so in the event of a severe or permanent reaction, they will suffer substantially more 'life years' of impact than an older person.

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## 3. The risk vs benefit balance of vaccinating children is not the same as it is for adults

There's virtually zero risk to children from Covid. Paediatrician Dr Ros Jones cites research showing that Covid is far milder and often entirely without symptoms for children due to their stronger 'innate immunity'.

Scientists from the University of Cambridge estimate that more than 80% of children in the UK have already had Covid and have therefore acquired natural immunity - shown to have broader and longer-lasting protection than vaccination.

For them, vaccination would not only be unnecessary, but could actually pose a greater risk of harm.

## 4. Higher numbers of adverse reactions have been reported among younger recipients and those with existing immunity

Drug monitoring systems around the world are recording unusually high numbers of adverse reactions, particularly among teenagers and younger recipients, including fatalities.

Large numbers of certain injuries (e.g. sudden cardiac issues - seen with increasing regularity in professional sports) are common to all countries' reports.

Cardiologists have warned that there may be lasting heart damage from even just brief, mild reactions, which are going undetected.

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## 5. It can't be reversed

There are some reports of children suffering permanent damage to critical organs following vaccination.

While it's not yet clear how common those harms are, it is clear that, for children, harm from the vaccine is substantially more common than harm from Covid.

You can always choose for your child to be vaccinated later, if - once there's enough data available - you decide it's beneficial for your child, and can be certain it's safe.

Find out more, including references for all the above points, at [SaferToWait.com](https://www.safertowait.com)

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