

# COVID-19 VACCINE

## Latest Updates & Resources



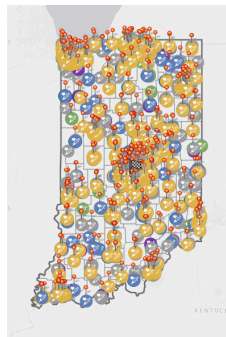
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### KIDS AGES 5–11 CAN NOW BE VACCINATED

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued on Oct. 29 an [Emergency Use Authorization](#) (EUA) for Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine to be used in children ages 5 to 11. On Nov. 2, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [formally recommended](#) this pediatric COVID-19 vaccine.

What does this mean for you and your family? **The vaccine is here and available.** Check out the benefits of vaccination for [kids age 5 to 15](#). Read more of the CDC's [recommendations](#).

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is working with the federal government and local health departments to ensure a smooth rollout of this vaccine. Supply and availability will increase after the initial distribution and also include pharmacies and mobile clinics statewide. Check out [OurShot.IN.gov](#) and look for clinics with a **red pin** to find sites that offer the pediatric vaccine.



#### Things to remember:

- The Pfizer pediatric dose is different than the Pfizer adult dose
- If your child is 11 when the first dose is given, but turns 12 by the second dose appointment, he or she should receive the age-appropriate dose for each.
- The COVID-19 vaccine can be [co-administered](#) with the flu vaccine.
- Reach out to your child's pediatrician if you have any questions.
  - Many individual pediatrician offices are administering the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine to patients. Call yours and ask!
- The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children get the COVID-19 vaccine.



To date, **3,389,449** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

### BOOSTER REMINDER

If a [booster dose](#) of the COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for you, you can easily find a place to get one at [OurShot.IN.gov](#).

Many of our mobile sites around the state are now offering all three vaccine

types — Johnson &

Johnson, Moderna

and Pfizer — and

you can use [this](#)

[guide](#) to easily

understand

mixed dosing for COVID-19 boosters. (Note: The definition of fully vaccinated has not changed. You are still considered fully vaccinated once you complete your primary dose or doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.)



### IMS EVENT EXTENDED

**IndyCar parking lot, 4551 W. 16th St., Indy**

Now through Nov. 20, the vaccine clinic at Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) offers all three COVID-19 vaccines, including the pediatric Pfizer dose for kids age 5 to 11, plus the flu vaccine. More appointments have been added, so schedule yours now at [OurShot.IN.gov](#), where you'll find more than 1,000 vaccine sites. Drive-up is also available.



**New IMS dates and hours have now been added:**

**Nov. 30 – Dec. 11**

Tuesday – Friday, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Saturday, 8 a.m. - Noon

**Dec. 14 – Dec. 22**

Tuesday, Dec. 14, to Friday, Dec. 17 | Noon – 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18, and Sunday, Dec. 19 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 20 – Wednesday, Dec. 22 | Noon – 8 p.m.

### Helpful Resources

- What you can do if you are [fully vaccinated](#).
- Know a homebound individual who needs a vaccine? Call 211. Agents can help.
- Get proof of vaccination at [Access Indiana](#). Look for "Indiana Vaccination Portal".
- Register for a vaccination appointment at [OurShot.IN.gov](#) (*Chrome or Firefox*). Call Indiana 211 or (1-866-211-9966) if you have difficulty registering online.
- Free rides to vaccine clinics are offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9.
  - Free rides are also available to vaccination appointments at select [Kroger locations](#). You will receive a code to use for Lyft ridesharing service with your appointment confirmation.
- [Learn about V-Safe](#), the after-vaccination health checker, and the new [V-safe COVID-19 Pregnancy Registry](#).
- V-safe is also available now in [multiple languages](#).
- Report any adverse effects from any vaccine to the [Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#).

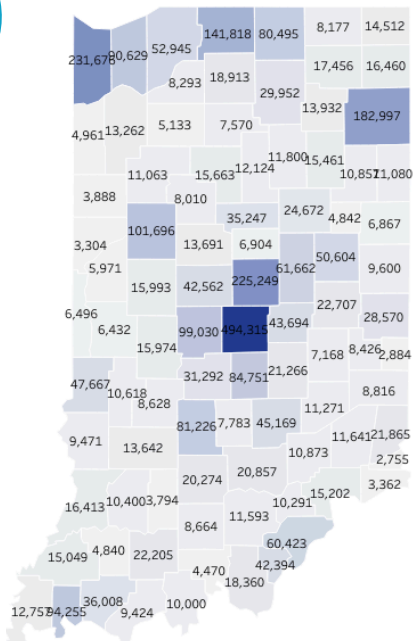
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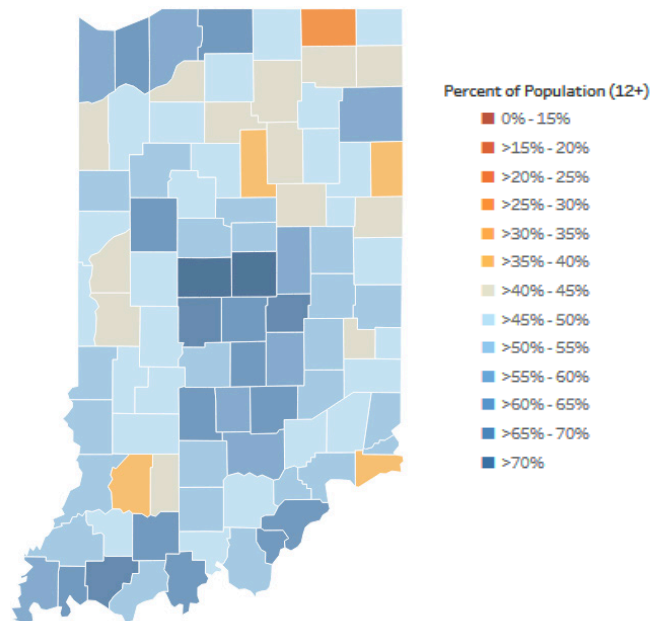


## Total Individuals Fully Vaccinated\*

# 3,389,449



## Fully Vaccinated as a Percentage of County Population 5+



\*Individuals are fully vaccinated after their 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, OR after a single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Here are the latest percentages of people who are fully vaccinated by age group. These percentages include residents and staff in long-term care facilities.

<b>76.9% of 80+</b>	<b>73.5% of 60-64</b>	<b>56.3% of 40-44</b>	<b>42.8% of 20-24</b>
<b>81.2% of 75-79</b>	<b>64.5% of 55-59</b>	<b>50.5% of 35-39</b>	<b>43.6% of 16-19</b>
<b>85.3% of 70-74</b>	<b>62.6% of 50-54</b>	<b>47.6% of 30-34</b>	<b>35.9% of 12-15</b>
<b>80.4% of 65-69</b>	<b>55.5% of 45-49</b>	<b>40.5% of 25-29</b>	<b>0.1% of 5-11</b>



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**Q:** Since the CDC is now allowing mixing and matching of vaccines for booster doses, can you explain how you can mix an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna) with a viral vector (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine?

**A:** The purpose of a vaccine is to prime your immune system to recognize something infecting your body (in this case, a virus) and fight it. All the COVID-19 vaccines train your immune system to recognize a part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Moderna and Pfizer vaccines deliver the information in mRNA, while Johnson & Johnson uses a vector vaccine unrelated to SARS-CoV-2 to deliver the information. Either way, once your body cells receive the information to recognize part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, your immune system will recognize and fight the virus if you are exposed to it.



## UPDATED FAQs

about COVID-19 vaccinations can be found [here](#).



Check out our easy-to-understand mixed dosing charts in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).