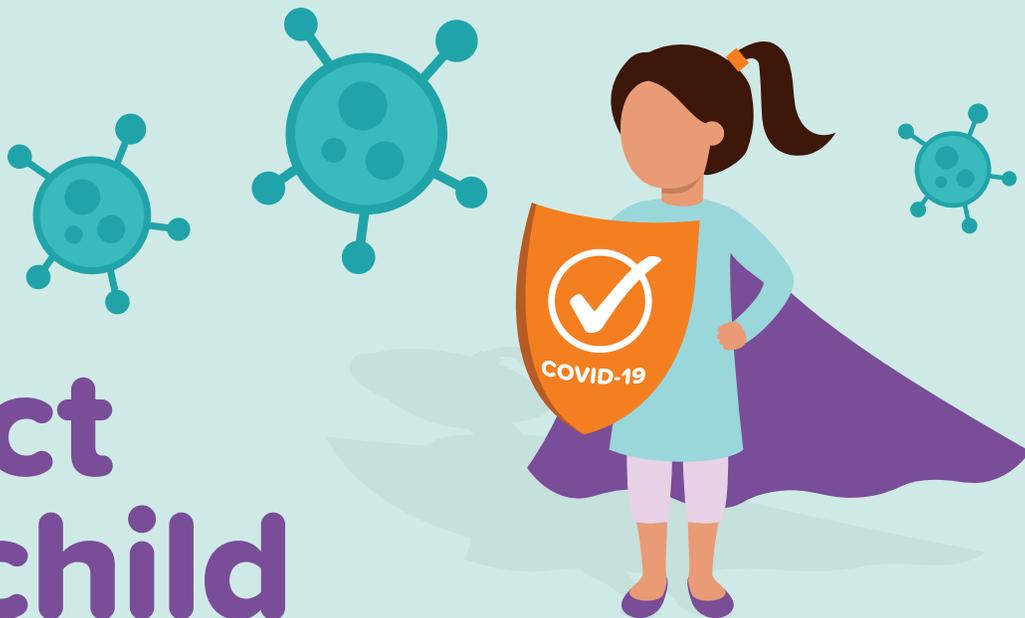


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COVID-19 Vaccination



# Protect your child



**Professor Chris Blyth, Director of the Wesfarmers Centre for Vaccines and Infectious Diseases at Telethon Kids Institute, answers your COVID-19 questions.**

## Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe for my child?

“The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for children. They’ve been demonstrated in clinical trials, and actually in real world experience now, that they are important tools to try and prevent against COVID-19 in children.

These vaccines are incredibly well tolerated, in fact, young children tolerate them even better than adolescents and adults and that’s why we recommend COVID-19 vaccination for children 5 to 11 in Western Australia and Australia at the moment.”

## What if my child is too young to get vaccinated against COVID-19?

“...for parents of younger children, it’s going back to the simple things to try and provide protection. Good hand hygiene, mask use in public spaces, particularly for adults, and importantly, reminding your children to cover coughs and colds and stay home if they’re unwell.

Many younger children will get COVID from older children and adults, so importantly, to protect your young child, making sure older children and adults are vaccinated and are complying with masks and other interventions such as that, will offer some degree of protection.”

## What should I do if my child gets COVID, and what if it’s before their second dose?

“With lots of COVID in the community there’s a real chance your child will be exposed to COVID over the next couple of months.

Children will get infected with COVID, but for most children, thankfully that’s a mild illness. But, for a small group of children it can be severe and that is why we are recommending vaccination to try and protect against those harms.

If you are one of these unlucky families whose child gets COVID prior to their second dose of vaccine, don’t worry. Importantly, we would still recommend they receive their second dose of vaccine and would recommend they wait about eight weeks after their infection, before their second dose. This will enhance their immune protection against further infection.”



For answers to more COVID-19 questions

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