

I AM A HEALTHY CHILD:

Should I Join a COVID-19 Vaccine Research Study?



Kids who do not have COVID-19 can help researchers learn more about the disease.

A research study:

- collects new information about health and disease.
- tries to answer new questions that researchers have.
- needs volunteers to sign up.

Being in a COVID-19 vaccine research study is your choice.

What is a vaccine?

- A vaccine is a form of a virus given to a healthy person, usually through a needle, to teach their body how to recognize and fight the virus.
- People who get a vaccine may be better able to fight the virus in the future.

COVID-19:

- is a new disease caused by a type of virus called coronavirus.
- may cause some people to have symptoms like cough, fever, weakness, muscle and other pains, and breathing problems.
- can be mild, but it can also make some people very sick.

Why should I be more careful around people?

- This virus spreads from a sick person to a healthy person very quickly.
- Being too close to your friends can pass the virus around.
- You sit and stand close to your friends when you are at school and when you play.



Why are there research studies about COVID-19 vaccines right now?

- Since COVID-19 is a new disease, there is no vaccine yet and new vaccines are being tested.
- Researchers want to learn if a new vaccine is safe and works.



Why am I being asked to join a COVID-19 research study?

- You can help researchers learn about the virus and the disease.
- Being in the study might help other people.
- If the vaccine works, it might help prevent you from getting COVID-19 in the future.

More can be learned about COVID-19 if you join a research study.

What else should I know about being in a COVID-19 research study?

- You can talk to your doctor, your parent, or any adult you trust to help you decide if you want to be in the research study.
- You can change your mind at any time.