

MY CHILD HAS COVID-19: Should they Join a COVID-19 Research Study?



If your child has COVID-19, or might have COVID-19, they may be able to join a COVID-19 research study.

A research study:

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

You can choose whether to allow your child to join a COVID-19 research study.

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, and may lead to death.

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

COVID-19 is a new disease, so it is important to understand more about:

- How the virus spreads.
- Why some people get very sick, and some people do not.
- Which treatments work best, and if they work for everyone.
- How to prevent new infections.

There are more adult research studies right now because adults seem to get sicker from COVID-19 than children.

It is very important to conduct studies with children to find treatments and prevention methods that are right for them.

More can be learned about COVID-19 if your child joins a research study.

What should I ask the research team before my child joins a COVID-19 research study?

- ✓ Why is the study being done?
- ✓ What will happen if my child joins the study?
- ✓ Could the study help my child? Could it help others?
- ✓ Could the study cause risks to my child?
- ✓ Do I have to pay money for my child to be in the study?
- ✓ Will we be paid to be in the study?
- ✓ How will my child's personal information be protected?
- ✓ How long will the study last?
- ✓ Can my child leave the study at any time?
- ✓ What will happen if my child gets hurt in the study?
- ✓ Who should I call with questions about the study?
- ✓ Will we get to see the study results?



What else should I know about before my child joins a COVID-19 research study?

- You and your child can talk to people you trust about whether to join the study.
- You and your child can change your minds at any time.