Why should my child get the vaccine?

COVID-19 cases in children are increasing. In one two-week period, cases increased by 5%. Getting your child vaccinated helps to protect your child and your family. The vaccine can prevent serious illness, hospitalizations, and even death.

Are children more likely to catch the Delta variant?

The Delta variant is more infectious, contagious and easier to transmit than the previous variants.

Are the vaccines safe?

Yes. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for individuals 12 and older. The FDA has granted full approval to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

What about the side effects?

The side effects are minor compared to the possible long-term effects of the disease.

What about adverse reactions from the vaccine?

Out of the hundreds of millions doses administered in the U.S. since Dec. 2020, only 0.13% of patients have experienced adverse reactions. Reports of adverse events to VAERS following vaccination do not necessarily mean that a vaccine caused a health problem.

Do we need to wear a mask?

Those who are unvaccinated should definitely protect themselves by wearing a mask. While in public settings, even those who are vaccinated should take precautions like wearing a mask, frequently washing your hands, and maintaining social distance to avoid spreading the virus.

Ninety-nine percent of people who have died from COVID-19 in Texas since February 2021 were not vaccinated.