



PRIMARY SOURCE OF VACCINE AND BOOSTER



#1 PRIMARY VACCINE SERIES



The primary vaccine series in children 5 to 11 years old consists of two doses of an approved vaccine with at least 8 weeks between doses. The primary series trains the immune system to recognize the spike protein of the virus that causes COVID-19 and allows the body to protect itself from future infection.

#2 WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF BOOSTERS?

The primary series provides strong protection against severe COVID-19 for at least 6 months; however, protection then decreases over time. A booster COVID-19 vaccine reminds the immune system what the spike protein on the surface of the virus that causes COVID-19 looks like and helps body to maintain strong protection.



#3 WHAT IS A BIVALENT BOOSTER?

Bivalent COVID-19 vaccines help the body to respond to the original SARS-CoV-2 virus AND a more recent variant that is currently circulating. By being more closely matched to the version of the virus that is most common now, the bivalent booster provides additional protection.

