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## **Aetna Better Health® of Illinois**

### **COVID-19 vaccines for children**

Health care providers are parents' most trusted source of information on vaccinations for children. With COVID-19 vaccination now available for children ages 6 months and older, Aetna Better Health® of Illinois encourages pediatric providers to offer COVID-19 vaccines in their offices.

Vaccination for children ages 6 months and older is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines may be administered to children in this age group. See [clinical considerations for each vaccine](#).

#### **How to make COVID-19 vaccination available to your patients**

- Enroll to become a COVID-19 vaccine provider.
  - Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers can enroll within [I-CARE](#) under the COVID tab/enrollment.
  - Non-VFC providers who do not already have I-CARE access can use the [I-CARE enrollment packet](#) to request it. Once enrolled in I-CARE, access the COVID tab to complete both the CDC and IDPH COVID-19 vaccine provider agreements.
- Order vaccine through I-CARE or request through the state's [vaccine transfer program](#).

Once your office has vaccine available, be sure to let families know and discuss vaccination during age-appropriate visits. A list of Aetna Better Health of Illinois members who are unvaccinated is available on the COVID-19 report in the [Availity provider portal](#).

#### **Additional resources**

[Vaccine quick reference guide](#)

[Interim clinical considerations for COVID-19 vaccination](#)

[Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics resources for providers](#)

[Recent news about COVID-19](#)

[Resources for talking to parents about COVID-19 vaccines](#)