



COVID-19

IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED

Find [new guidance for fully vaccinated people](#). If you are not vaccinated, [find a vaccine](#).

Families with Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Members

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If you've been vaccinated against COVID-19, you've taken the first step toward protecting yourself and your family and [returning to activities](#) you did before the pandemic. However, some family members may still need to take steps to protect themselves against COVID-19, such as children too young to get vaccinated or people with weakened immune systems. Here are some ways to help protect those family members.

How can I protect my unvaccinated child?



These are the best ways to protect your child, or a child you care for, who cannot get vaccinated yet:

- Get vaccinated yourself. COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of people getting and spreading COVID-19.
- If your child is 2 years and older, make sure that your child [wears a mask](#) in public settings and takes other actions to protect themselves.
 - To set an example, you also might choose to wear a mask.
- If your child is younger than 2 years or cannot wear a mask, limit visits with people who are not vaccinated or whose vaccination status is unknown and keep distance between your child and other people in public.

How do I protect a family member with a weakened immune system?

- Get vaccinated yourself. COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of people getting and spreading COVID-19.
- People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may NOT be protected even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all [precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask](#), until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.

My family members aren't vaccinated. How do I protect them?

- Get vaccinated yourself. COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of people getting and spreading COVID-19.
- Any family member who is not fully vaccinated should keep taking steps [to protect themselves and others](#), like wearing a well-fitted mask and staying 6 feet from others in public.

Are some activities safer than others?

- If you are not fully vaccinated and aged 2 or older, you should wear a mask in indoor public places.
- In general, you do not need to wear a mask in outdoor settings.
 - In areas with [high numbers of COVID-19 cases](#), consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.
- People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may NOT be protected even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all [precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask](#), until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.
- If you are fully vaccinated, see [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#).
- For more information, see [Choosing Safer Activities](#).

More Information

[When You've Been Fully Vaccinated | CDC](#)

[Your Guide to Masks | CDC](#)

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[How to Protect Yourself & Others | CDC](#)

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