



# Unvaccinated Children and Masking: Here's what you should know

## Q Do my unvaccinated children still need to wear masks?

**Yes!** The CDC recommends that anyone who has not been vaccinated wear a mask when they are with others besides their own household. Usually kids do not get severely ill if they get COVID, but they can still become sick and spread the disease.

## Q Can the whole family go to indoor public places while the youngest family members are not vaccinated?

**Yes,** but we strongly encourage unvaccinated family members to wear a mask in indoor public places. Businesses are still allowed to require people to wear masks when entering their space, so be prepared with your own mask, too.

## Q Do my unvaccinated kids need to mask outdoors?

**Yes!** If you are visiting a crowded area, like a sporting event, concert, or a park full of people, and your unvaccinated kids can't be physically distanced, they should continue to mask up. If they can safely distance, kids can take their masks off.

## Q My kids aren't vaccinated, but I am. Do I have to keep my mask on?

**It depends on your child.** Some children won't understand why you can take your mask off, but they can't. You know best how your young one will react. To support them, you may choose to keep your mask on in crowded public spaces too.

Masks are one of the best ways to protect people who can't get vaccinated.



Outdoors is safer than indoors

**Vaccination is the best way to keep your kids safe! Get your kids over 12 vaccinated! Get your COVID-19 vaccine [HERE](#).**



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