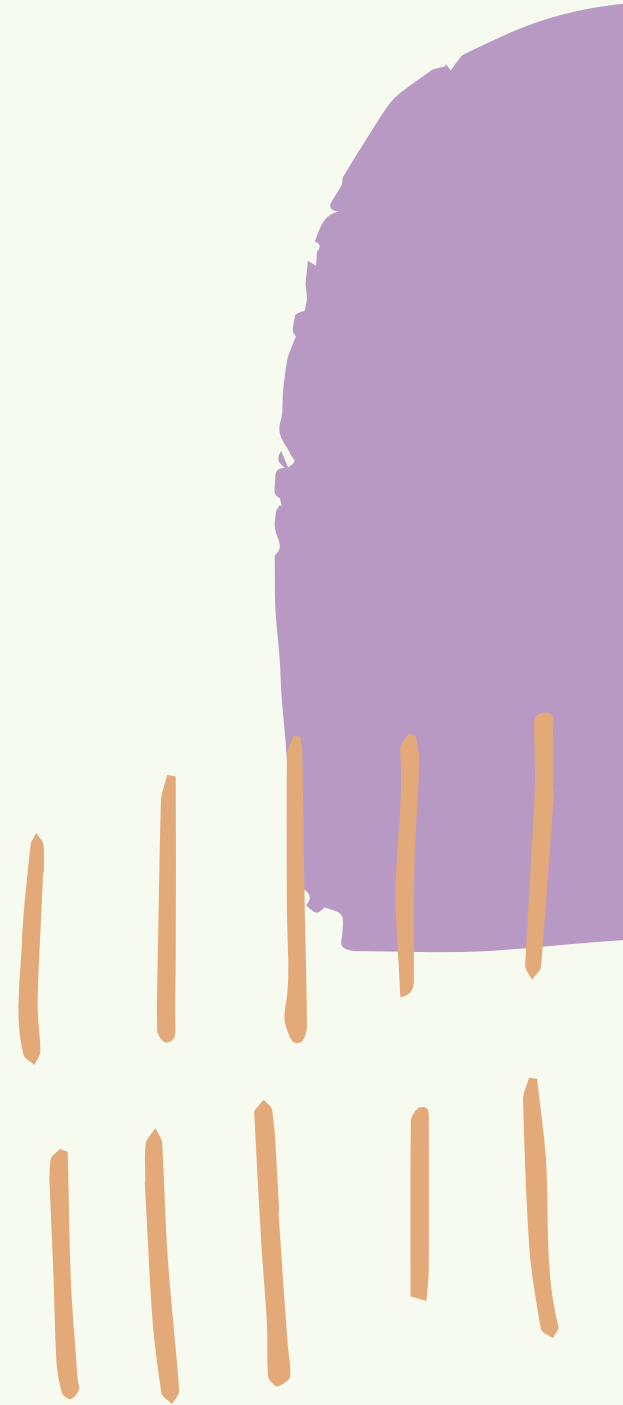




# COVID-19 Q & A FOR KIDS

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# Q1. HOW SICK WILL I BE IF I GET COVID-19?





- Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to flu or common cold including fever, dry cough, and feeling tired.

- Children and adolescents have milder symptoms than adults, and very rarely have severe disease.



- However, older people or people with preexisting health condition can get more severe illness from this virus.



# Q2. CAN I GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY WITH FRIENDS?



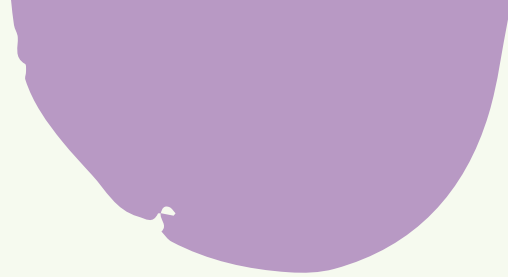

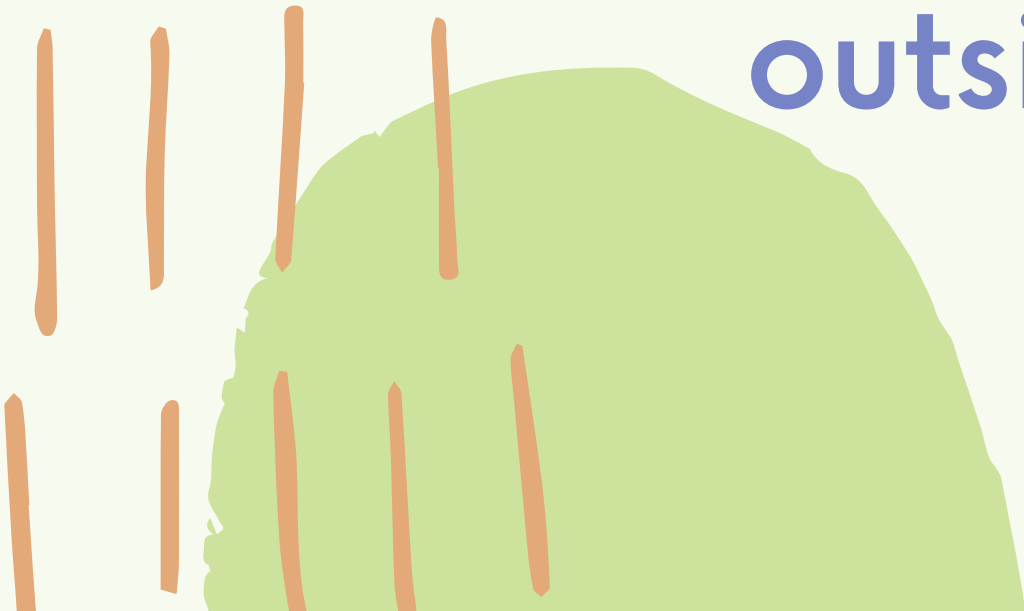
- You can walk around the neighborhood or go for a bike ride!
- It is important to stay away at least **six feet (2 meters)** apart from each other.
- \* • You may also need **vaccination.**

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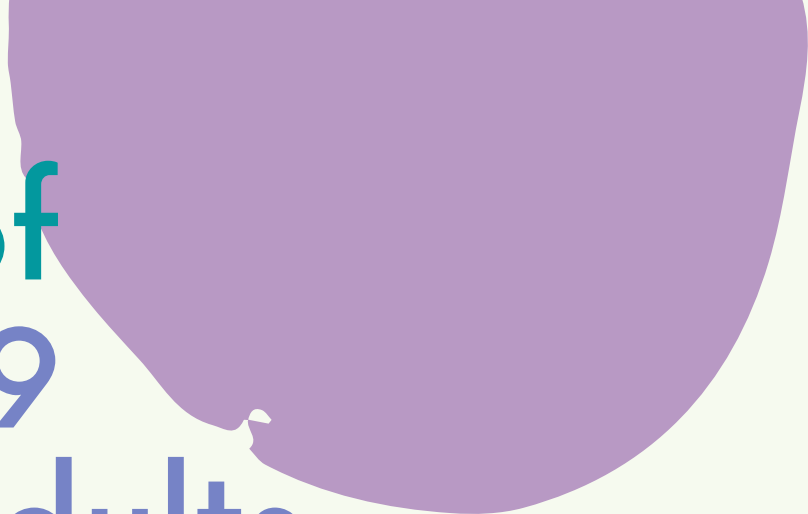
# Q3. WHAT IS COVID-19 VACCINE?



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- **Vaccine can protect you** from getting sick with COVID-19.
  - Vaccination works by teaching our immune system how to **recognize and fight against COVID-19**.
  - Once you get immunity, you can play outside and go to school!
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# Q4. WHY ARE ONLY ADULTS GETTING THE VACCINE NOW?



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- Older people are at greater risk of getting severe illness. So COVID-19 vaccines were initially made for adults around the world.

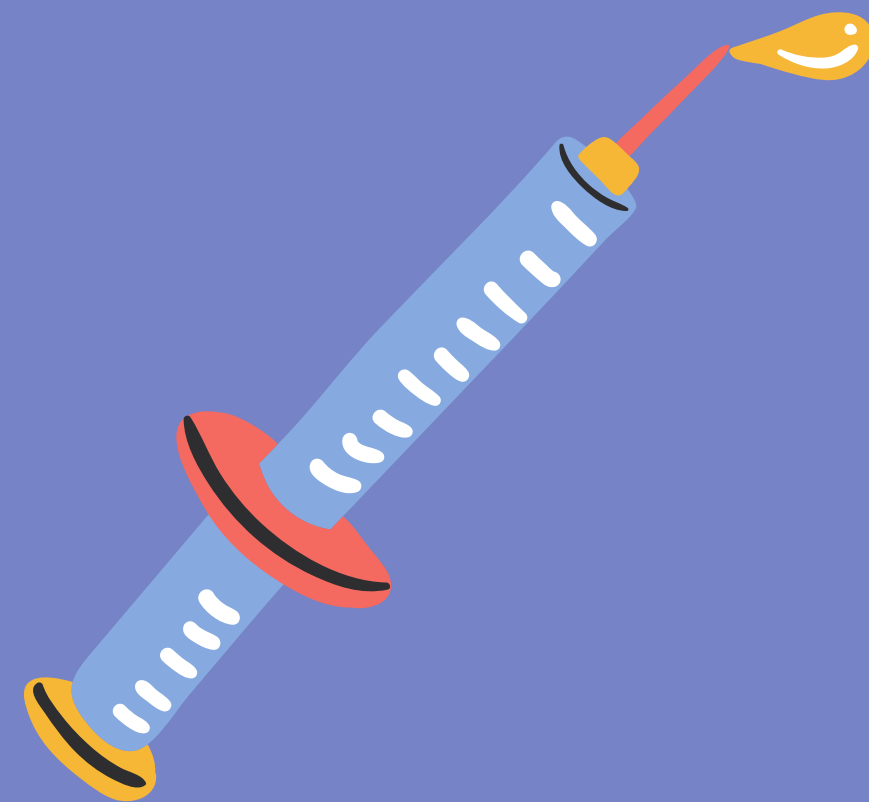
- We have to investigate things differently from adults because children have different immune responses.



- There are different rules for clinical trials in children which have more safeguards to protect this vulnerable population.

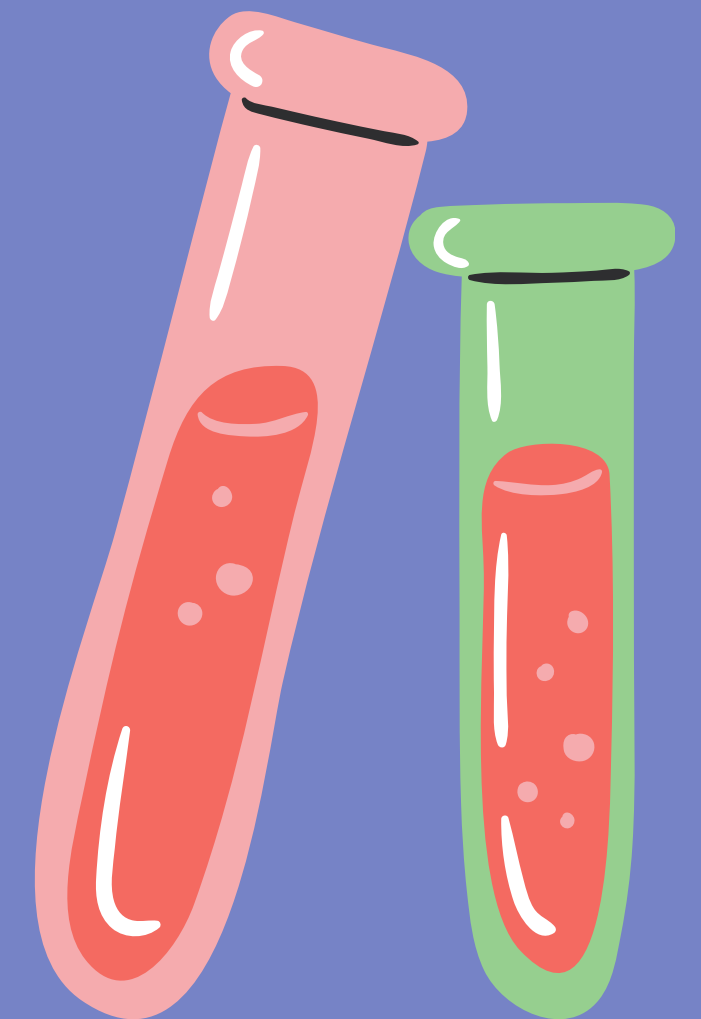



**Q5. WHEN CAN WE GET  
THE VACCINE?**



- Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is authorized for use under Emergency Use Authorization for 16 years of age and older, and there are **ongoing clinical trials** for younger children.
- Early results from clinical trials in adolescents are good. Pfizer has recently announced good clinical trial results in adolescents aged 12-15 years old.
- **If proven safe and effective, children can get vaccines** after authorization hopefully in a few months.

**Q6. CAN I BE ENROLLED  
IN THE CLINICAL TRIALS ?**



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- Children are a vulnerable population, and they can't fully understand to provide informed consent on their own.
  - When we make vaccines for children, we go a little bit slower and step wise **to make sure that they are safe and effective** in younger children.

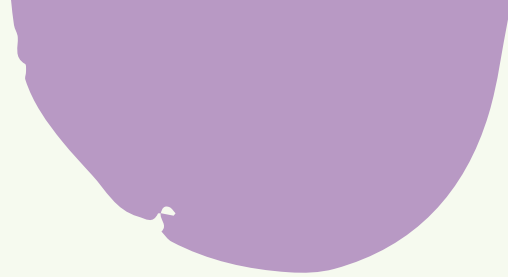

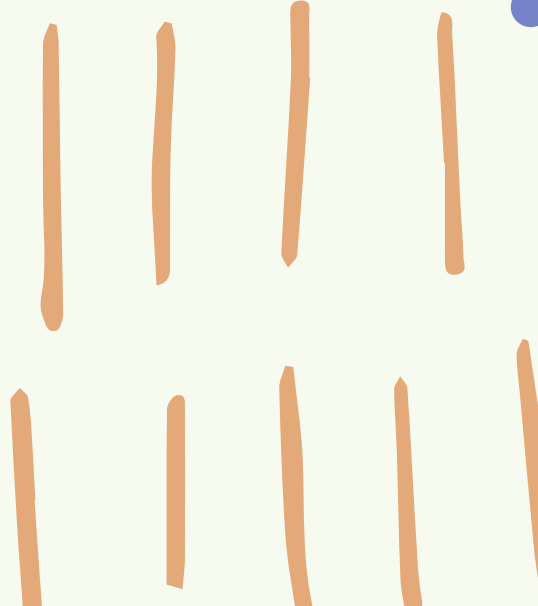





# Q7. WHY CAN'T I GET THE VACCINE THOUGH I'M TALL?

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- The size and shape might be approximately the same as adults, but the **immune system is much more robust and complicated in children!**
  - The immune response and adverse reaction to the vaccine may be different.
  - We need to investigate things differently, so **clinical trials only for children** are necessary.
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# Q8. CAN I STOP WEARING A MASK AFTER GETTING VACCINE ?



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- Wearing a mask could be annoying...
  - However, we need to continue wearing masks until high enough level of people get immunity, especially in public settings.
  - If you **wear a mask and wash your hands** like you do now, you can defeat not only the COVID-19, but also other messy germs and viruses!



# Stay Safe



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