

COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments for ages 5 to 11 Available Now

Update to York Region health care providers as of November 24, 2021

On Friday, November 19, 2021, Health Canada approved the Pfizer-BioNTech paediatric COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11. Appointments to receive the vaccine opened today for York Region Public Health (YRPH) clinics and other health units, including the Provincial booking system. Paediatric vaccines will be administered by YRPH starting on Friday, November 26, 2021.

Please see [the updated Pfizer-BioNTech \(Comirnaty\) COVID-19 vaccine product monograph](#), including details about vaccines for ages 5 to 11 and booster doses for those 18 and older.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends that a complete series of the vaccine (10 mcg) may be offered to children 5-11 years of age who do not have contraindications to the vaccine, with a dosing interval of at least **8 weeks** between the first and second dose.

- [Full NACI recommendation on the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine \(10mcg\) in children 5 to 11 years of age \(PDF\)](#)
- [Summary of NACI statement of November 19, 2021](#)

Children who receive the pediatric formulation of this vaccine for their first dose and turn 12 by the time of their second dose may receive the adolescent/adult formulation of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (30 mcg) to complete their primary series.

At this time, NACI recommends that children receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before or after another vaccine. This is a precaution to help to determine if a side effect that may arise is due to the COVID-19 vaccine or another vaccine.

Please refer parents to york.ca/COVID19Vaccine or Access York (1-877-464-9675) to book vaccine appointments for their children. Patients can also be referred to pharmacy providers in their area for vaccination at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations>.

SickKids has an [appointment-based consult service](#) connecting children, youth and their families with a trusted health care professional from Sick Kids to answer questions related to COVID-19 vaccines.

Please find attached with this message and linked below a number of resources related to the 5 to 11 COVID-19 vaccine:

1. Provincial 5-11 public communications and resources, including:

- **News release**
 - EN: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1001195/covid-19-vaccine-bookings-to-open-for-all-children-aged-five-to-11>
 - FR: <https://news.ontario.ca/fr/release/1001195/la-prise-de-rendez-vous-pour-les-vaccins-contre-la-covid-19-est-ouverte-a-tous-les-enfants-ages-de-5-a-11-ans>
- **Backgrounder**
 - EN: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/backgrounder/1001196/paediatric-pfizer-covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions>
 - FR: <https://news.ontario.ca/fr/backgrounder/1001196/vaccin-pediatrique-contre-la-covid-19-de-pfizer-foire-aux-questions>



- **Guidance**

- EN: https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_vaccine_administration.pdf
FR: https://www.health.gov.on.ca/fr/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_vaccine_administration.pdf

- **Dedicated Ontario.ca children and youth webpage**

- EN: [Ontario.ca/covidvaccinekids](https://ontario.ca/covidvaccinekids)
FR: [Ontario.ca/vaccinocovidjeunes](https://ontario.ca/vaccinocovidjeunes)

- **Fact Sheet**

- ENG: https://files.ontario.ca/moh_covid19_youth_vaccination_factsheet_en_2021_11_22.pdf
FR: https://files.ontario.ca/moh_covid19_youth_vaccination_factsheet_fr_2021_11_22.pdf

- **Poster**

- ENG: https://files.ontario.ca/moh_covid19_youth_vaccination_poster_en_2021_11_22.pdf
FR: https://files.ontario.ca/moh_covid19_youth_vaccination_poster_fr_2021_11_22.pdf

2. An [invitation to an upcoming webinar](#) jointly hosted by the Ministry of Health and the Ontario College of Family Physicians on **Friday, November 26**, during which Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Daniel Warshafsky, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, will share current information regarding the safety and efficacy of the vaccine in children ages 5-11, and the provincial roll-out plans.
3. Final 5-11 vaccination implementation package (attached).
4. York Region Public Health: Tips and Resources for Immunizing Children (attached)

Administer COVID-19 vaccine within your practice

If you would like to provide the COVID-19 vaccine in your practice and you are not yet onboarded, please complete the **Primary Care Physician Readiness Survey** (attached) and email the completed copy to covid19vaccine@york.ca. Please note, your clinic must have a designated vaccine fridge that meets Ministry of Health Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines.

Contact York Region Public Health

Thank you for all your efforts to support our immunization program in York Region. For more information, call our dedicated health care professional line at **1-877-464-9675 ext. 77280** (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) or visit york.ca/healthprofessionals.

For the latest information on COVID-19 in York Region, please visit york.ca/COVID19

For questions regarding COVID-19 vaccine ordering please contact our Vaccine Inventory Program at COVID19vaccine@york.ca or 1-877-464-9675 ext. 50174