

CHILDREN AND THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Q: What vaccine is available for children in Canada?

A: The Pfizer vaccine is authorized for kids 12 years of age and older. As of November 19, 2021, it is also authorized for children ages 5 - 11. The Moderna vaccine is authorized for kids 12 years and older.

Q: What is the recommended spacing between doses?

A: The recommended interval between the first and second doses for children aged five to 11 is at least eight weeks.

Q: Should children wait before receiving other routine immunizations?

A: Children should wait at least 14 days between receiving the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine and another type of vaccine.

Q: Why do children need to be immunized against COVID-19?

A: While many children experience mild symptoms, some kids can get very sick and experience complications, or long-lasting symptoms. While rare, the virus can also cause death in children.

Similar to the rest of the population, children also can transmit the coronavirus to others if they're infected, even when no symptoms are present.

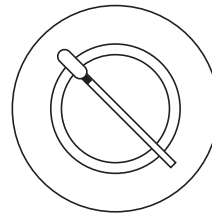
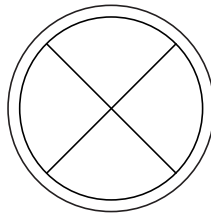
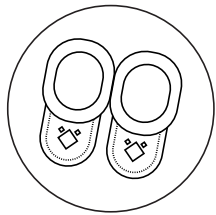
Getting your child immunized against COVID-19 vaccine also helps protect the health of others, including parents, Elders, other family members, friends, classmates and the larger community.

Q: What side effects are most children experiencing after the vaccine?

A: The vaccine is well tolerated and most side effects are mild. These side effects include pain at the injection site, fatigue, headaches, chills, joint pain and muscle pain as well as fever.

It's understandable that parents want to have as much information as possible before getting their child immunized. If you have questions, we recommend that you reach out to your child's pediatrician, your family physician, primary healthcare provider.

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