



Covid-19 Vaccine

For children ages 5 to 11

Vaccination provides one more layer of protection against COVID-19.

How does the COVID-19 vaccine work?

- The vaccine teaches your child's body to find and fight the virus.
- The vaccine can stop your child from getting sick, needing to go to the hospital, and dying.
- The vaccine stops the virus from spreading to other people.

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?

- The vaccine is approved by Health Canada.
- The vaccine is safe and effective.
- The vaccine does not give your child the virus.

How does the vaccine help your child?

- The vaccine helps your child stay in school and do things they enjoy. This will help your child's physical and mental health.
- The vaccine protects your child, your family and the community.

What are the side effects of the vaccine?

- Some children will get side effects:
 - pain, redness or swelling (where the needle was given)
 - headache
 - feeling tired
 - muscle or joint pain
 - fever or chills

Does the vaccine affect my child's fertility?

- The vaccine does not affect a person's ability to have children.
- The vaccine does not affect a person's genes (DNA).

If my child had COVID-19, do they need the vaccine?

- Yes, people with natural immunity should get the vaccine.
- The vaccine increases a person's ability to fight the virus.

**Vaccines
are safe and
effective.**



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Should an 11-year-old get a child's dose? Should they wait to get an adult dose when they turn 12?

- An 11-year-old should get the child's dose to be protected sooner.

Should a bigger child get an adult dose?

- Vaccines are given based on a child's age, not size.

When can my child get a flu shot?

- If possible, your child should get a flu shot 14 days before or 14 days after the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Vaccines can be safely given within 14 days, but you may not know what vaccines caused any side effects.

Where can I get more information about preparing my child for a vaccine?

- SickKids CARD System Learning Hub: www.Aboutkidshealth.ca/card
- Talk to a clinician at SickKids: Visit www.sickkids.ca/vaccineconsult to book an appointment.

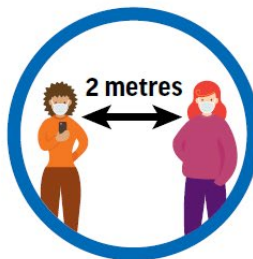
Where can I get my child vaccinated?

- Visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/getavaccine or use this QR code to book an appointment at one of our clinics.
- Vaccines are also available at many pharmacies.
- Some family doctors are giving vaccines to their patients.



What can I do to protect my child from COVID-19?

- Please get your child vaccinated.
- Follow the advice of public health, children should:
 - wash their hands
 - wear a mask when indoors
 - keep physical distanced where possible
 - avoid large gatherings



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