Want to know more about the COVID-19 vaccine for Children 6 Months to under 5 years?

COVID-19 vaccines are working and protecting many members of our community, including those in schools, camps and child care spaces. Protecting children and those around them is a priority.

Our vaccine superheroes help us with this mission!

Everyone aged 6 months to 5 years (and older) can get a vaccine. It is safe to get the COVID-19 vaccine and we recommend a COVID-19 vaccine for everyone who can get one, even if you’ve been sick with COVID-19 before!

WHY GET MY CHILD VACCINATED?

- The COVID-19 vaccine protects children from serious illness caused by COVID-19. The vaccine also helps make sure they can go to child care, see family and friends and be a part of other activities in the community.
- When a child is vaccinated against COVID-19, there is less risk of serious outcomes from COVID-19 for the child and those around them, like family and friends.
- Hospital admissions for COVID-19 have gone up since December 2021. The Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) has seen over 240 children in their Emergency Room with COVID-19.
- COVID-19 can be serious for children. What we are seeing is that children are becoming seriously sick and needing help at the Emergency Room and Urgent Care Clinics.

HOW AND WHERE CAN I GET MY CHILD VACCINATED?

- COVID-19 vaccines are easy to access. OPH has dedicated family centered clinics for children aged 6 months to under 5 years. We ask that parents/guardians book an appointment to make sure their child has access to a vaccine dose.
- Parents can book an appointment using this website: Ontario.ca/BookVaccine or call 1-833-943-3900.
- More clinics are coming to a neighbourhood near you. You can get more information at: OttawaPublicHealth.ca/COVID19Vaccine

Those giving the vaccine are trained to help parents, caregivers and children during a vaccine appointment. They can answer your questions and help support your child during the appointment.

WHEN DOES MY CHILD NEED A SECOND DOSE?

- Ottawa Public Health recommends you wait eight weeks between the first and second dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna Spikevax 25 mcg).
- Protection is stronger and lasts longer when the first and second doses are given further apart.
- If you prefer, you can get your child’s second dose 28 days after their first by giving informed consent at one of our clinics or by calling the province at 1-833-943-3900.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Find answers to your questions from good sources. Ottawa Public Health and CHEO have a lot of information and resources to help parents, care providers, and families. You can even call us and speak to a nurse at 613-580-6744.

Ottawapublichealth.ca/ChildCovid19Vaccine | cheo.on.ca | kidshealthfirst.ca