

# Want to know more about the COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months to 5 years?

COVID-19 vaccines are working and protecting many members of our community, including those in schools, camps and childcare 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
- 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 friendly 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](https://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](https://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 ANOTHER DOSE?

- Ottawa Public Health recommends you wait eight weeks between the doses of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine for children (Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty (3mcg), 3 dose series; Moderna Spikevax (25 mcg), 2-dose series).
- 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 21-28 days (depending on which vaccine they receive) 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](https://OttawaPublicHealth.ca/ChildCovid19Vaccine) | [cheo.on.ca](https://cheo.on.ca)