

COVID-19 VACCINE

for youth 5-11



Children age 5-11 are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine reduces the risk of getting very sick and being hospitalized with COVID-19, and the risk of Long COVID. Long COVID includes physical and mental health symptoms for weeks or months after having COVID-19.
- The more children who are vaccinated, the safer schools, sports and activities will be. It will reduce the risk of outbreaks, and therefore prevents closures or disruptions in school and activities.
- The only vaccine currently approved for 5-11-year-olds is the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. It has been tested in clinical trials for children age 5 to 11.
- Health Canada determined that the vaccine is safe and effective.
- For more information on COVID-19 vaccines for children and tips for helping prepare your child for their vaccination: www.hamilton.ca/childvaccine
- If you have questions, book an appointment with a SickKids Hospital paediatric nurse at www.sickkids.ca/vaccineconsult or call 1-888-304-6558. Translation is available.

Getting your vaccine

- To find a vaccine clinic location, visit www.hamilton.ca/GetYourVaccine. For local pharmacies: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations>
- If you do not have access to the internet, call the COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at 905-974-9848, option 7.