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For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccine Approved for Children 6 months - 5 years of age

On July 14, 2022, Health Canada authorized the **first vaccine for children under the age of 5** in Canada. Appointments for the Moderna Spikevax® COVID-19 vaccine will be available across the province beginning **July 28th, 2022**.

The vaccine is administered in a **two-dose series** at a recommended interval of **eight weeks (56 days) apart** for children to be fully vaccinated. The eight-week interval is optimal for longest lasting protection however, a minimum interval of 28 days can be used with informed consent.

Children 6 months to 5 years (at the time of vaccination) of age will receive the **25 mcg dose of Moderna Spikevax® 0.10mg/mL**, whereas individuals **6 years of age and older** will continue to receive their appropriate doses of the **0.20mg/mL concentration**. The **risk of myocarditis/pericarditis with the Moderna vaccine in children 6 months to 11 years of age is unknown**. For a primary series in adolescents and young adults the rare risk of myocarditis/pericarditis with Moderna was higher than with Pfizer-BioNTech; however, individuals 6 months to 11 years of age can receive Moderna vaccine with **informed consent**. The **preferential** vaccination for children **5 years of age** is with **Pediatric Pfizer**.

COVID-19 vaccines for children 6 months to 4 years old **should not routinely be given concomitantly** (i.e., same day) **with other vaccines** (live or non-live); but, rather wait for a period of 14 days before or after a different vaccine. A shorter interval between the administration of Moderna vaccine and a different vaccine may be warranted in some circumstances at the discretion of a health care provider.

Due to the unique needs of this population, it is recommended this age group is **vaccinated through their primary health care providers**. For more information on offering the COVID-19 vaccine in your practice, please visit www.durham.ca/hcp or email covidvaccine@durham.ca.

Individuals can **book 6 month – 5 years appointments** at Durham Region Health Department community immunization clinics visiting www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment or by calling the appointment booking line 1-888-444-5113. Walk-in appointments will not be available at this time. Additional vaccine opportunities are available at pop-up clinics and at participating pharmacies.

Visit www.durham.ca/covidvaccines for more information.

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | durham.ca/health

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

