



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccine for 5 – 11-year-olds: Vaccine Hesitancy

As trusted members of the health care team, primary health care providers have the unique opportunity to connect directly with parents and guardians to **listen to concerns, answer questions and encourage vaccination** among children ages 5 – 11 years.

Reasons for lack of COVID-19 vaccine confidence and hesitancy among parents are varied and include:

- Perceived low risk of becoming seriously ill
- Concerns about safety and long-term effects of vaccination
- Misinformation and lack of trust

For parents who have outstanding questions, please **share the following options for 1:1 phone consultation:**

- [Sick Kids COVID-19 vaccine consult service](#)
- Scarborough Health Network [Vax Facts Clinic](#)
- Vaccine confidence line 1-833-943-3900 (TTY for people who are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired: 1-866-797-0007)

Parents may be interested in learning more from the **following informative and reliable sources:**

- Canadian Pediatric Society [Caring for Kids](#)
- Sick Kids [About Kids Health](#)
- Ontario Ministry of Health [COVID-19 vaccines for children and youth](#)
- Children's Health Coalition: [ParentHomework](#)

For **further information** about addressing vaccine hesitancy and strategies for building confidence in the context of COVID-19, please visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/vaccines/vaccine-hesitancy-primer.html>

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