

Covid-19 Vaccine Approval for Ages 5-11

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How many cases of Covid-19 are we seeing in Ontario today?

Ontario has reported 793 new Covid-19 cases on Friday November 19th, 2021. This is the largest increase since September, and the province total now stands at a total of 610,222 cases.

Have we received any more information regarding the approval for children ages 5-11 to receive the vaccine?

As of November 19, 2021, Health Canada has officially **approved** the Covid-19 vaccine for ages 5-11.

The vaccine will require two doses, and are a smaller dose of 10 micrograms for children in this age group. As per Health Canada, the doses are to be given at least 21 days apart, however the National Advisory Committee on Immunization is recommending that doses be given eight weeks or more apart.

Clinical trials showed that beginning 1 week after the second dose, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was about:

- 95% effective in protecting trial participants from COVID-19 for those 16 years and older
- 100% effective for those 12 to 15 years old
- 90.7% effective for those 5 to 11 years old

Now that the vaccine has been approved, what clinics would be vaccinating children ages 5 to 11?

We are not yet sure if all clinics will be equipped to vaccinate children between 5 to 11, however, we will provide this information once it is available. We will also provide information on accessible clinics for children ages 5 to 11 with disabilities once it is available.

Provinces have been preparing for this announcement over the last few weeks, and have begun creating plans for distribution. At this time, it is assumed that the vaccines will likely be administered in schools, although there has been no word on if it would happen during school hours.

It is currently unclear when the vaccine roll out will begin, however, we will be sure to provide updates with any further information once received.

Sources:

1: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines/pfizer-biontech.html>

2: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/canada-authorizes-first-covid-19-vaccine-for-kids-1.5673038>

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If you think you may be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, take the self-assessment at www.ontario.ca/coronavirus. Follow all directions from your medical provider or your local health unit at the following phone numbers:

Telehealth Ontario: 1-866-797-0000

Toronto Public Health: 416-338-7600

Peel Public Health: 905-799-7700

Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-7711

York Region Public Health: 1-877-464-9675