

Vaccine Eligibility for Children 5-11

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When would the vaccines be available to children 5 to 11?

As of November 2, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approved the Pfizer vaccine for children between 5 to 11 years in the United States. We still have no information yet regarding the approval for Canada. *

Currently in Canada, the vaccines are only approved for ages 12 and up, but we may see this change as Pfizer has submitted preliminary data to Health Canada for approval for the 5 to 11 age group, with the company to make a formal submission by mid October. *

On September 27th, 2021, Toronto Public health had announced that they have formed a COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Group to get ready to vaccinate children between the ages of 5 to 11, upon the approval from Health Canada. If the submission is approved we could see a roll out as soon as the week of November 8, 2021 *

In a press release from Pfizer on Monday September 20th, 2021, they state that “in participants 5 to 11 years of age, the vaccine was safe, well tolerated and showed robust neutralizing antibody responses.” These results are from over 90 clinical trials situated in the US, Finland, Poland and Spain, and initially enrolled up to 4,500 children aged 6 months to 11 years of age. If their submission is approved, doses will be shipped to providers across the country along with smaller needles necessary for injecting younger children *

Once approved, what clinics would be vaccinating children ages 5 to 11?

We are not sure yet 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.

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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