



COVID-19 Vaccine – Frequently Asked Questions

Ages 5-11

Question	Answer
<p>Will my child experience any side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine?</p>	<p>Like any vaccination, mild side effects are to be expected and can last 1-3 days. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Redness or swelling in the arm ▪ Tiredness, muscle soreness ▪ Headache or mild fever <p>This is the result of the immune system recognizing the vaccine and building up its defense. Those defenses will help you later if you come into contact with a COVID-19 virus.</p>
<p>Why should my child receive the COVID-19 vaccine?</p>	<p>The COVID-19 vaccine...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protects against infection and severe disease caused by the COVID-19 virus ▪ Reduces the amount of time your child may need to isolate if they come into contact with someone who has COVID-19 ▪ Can reduce chances of transmitting COVID-19 to others
<p>I hear COVID-19 symptoms are milder in children. Why do we need to vaccinate them?</p>	<p>Thankfully, we often see milder symptoms in children than older adults. However, this is not always the case. In any age, cases can experience severe symptoms and some experience long lasting symptoms.</p> <p>The COVID-19 vaccine can reduce the chances of infection and can reduce the risk of experiencing moderate to severe symptoms of COVID-19.</p>
<p>What is a vaccine safety signal? Have there been any concerning safety signals identified for the paediatric (5-11) COVID-19 vaccine?</p>	<p>A “safety signal” is a bit of information that is shared with Health Canada that would indicate a vaccine or medication may impact health.</p> <p>To date, millions of children in Canada and the US have received the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine and there have been no safety signals identified.</p>
<p>How do we know the COVID-19 vaccine is safe for kids 5-11 years old?</p>	<p>Health Canada has approved this vaccine after rigorous testing. They only approve vaccines if they are safe, effective, and will be of benefit to the individual.</p> <p>To date, millions of children in Canada and the US have received this vaccine and there have been no safety signals identified.</p>
<p>Can the COVID-19 vaccine impact my child’s fertility?</p>	<p>NO. There is no evidence to suggest that the COVID-19 vaccine will impact a person’s fertility.</p>