



COVID-19 Vaccine – Frequently Asked Questions

6 months – under 5

Question	Answer
<p>Will my child experience any side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine?</p>	<p>Common COVID-19 side effects in children are similar to those seen in adults. Side effects are usually mild and go away within 1 to 3 days. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Redness or pain at the injection site ▪ Tiredness, muscle aches, headache ▪ Fever, chills, loss of appetite <p>COVID-19 infections may cause longer-lasting symptoms and health problems for some people, including children. The benefits of getting vaccinated far outweigh the risk of any side effects. This is why it's important to get children vaccinated as soon as possible.</p>
<p>How much time should we allow between the COVID-19 vaccine and other regularly scheduled vaccines?</p>	<p>The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends that no other vaccines should be given, unless otherwise urgently required, within 14 days of a COVID-19 vaccine.</p>
<p>My family just had COVID-19, when can I get my children vaccinated?</p>	<p>The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends that individuals recovering from a COVID 19 infection wait until at least 90 days (3 months) have passed before receiving a dose of the vaccine. Even if you have had COVID-19, adding the vaccine provides additional, important protection.</p>
<p>How will we keep our infants safe when getting vaccinated in an indoor space shared by other unmasked children and adults?</p>	<p>All adults are required to wear a mask upon entry to a PPH clinic and masks will be available for children attending as well. Our clinic is mindful of spacing and air ventilation.</p>
<p>How do we know the COVID-19 vaccine is safe for kids 6 months to 5 years?</p>	<p>Health Canada has approved this vaccine after rigorous testing. Vaccines are only approved if they are safe and 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>Previously, the Moderna vaccine was only approved for individuals over the age of 30. Why is it safe for children under 5?</p>	<p>In youth and young adults, a small safety signal for a higher risk of myocarditis and pericarditis (adverse effects) was seen. For this reason, an abundance of caution was taken with these age groups. For children ages 6 months to 5 years there were no safety signals identified.</p> <p>There is evidence that the Moderna vaccine is more effective at providing protection against COVID-19 for this age group than the Pfizer vaccine.</p>