

## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE #94 FROM HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

FROM: Dr. Joanna Oda, Associate Medical Officer of Health

DATE: August 17, 2022

RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Update 94: Updates re. immunizing children under 5 against COVID-19 (webinar recording and slides)

### QUICK FACTS

- The recording of the August 11 Halton Region Public Health webinar, “Immunizing children under 5 against COVID-19” is now posted [online](#). The [slide deck is also available](#).
- Key facts from the webinar and slide deck can be found in the attached for a “Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccination for children under five: Summary for Health Care Providers”.

### KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- It's important to vaccinate our younger children against COVID-19 since COVID-19 hospitalizations among those under 19 years of age is highest among children aged 0-4.
- More than 1,000 children under 5 years of age have been hospitalized from COVID-19.

Youth infection outcomes as of July 2, 2022 ( <a href="#">Public Health Ontario</a> )	
Population	Hospitalizations
0-4	1,068
5-11	258
12-19	472
Total	1,798

- Starting July 28, people can book an appointment for their children between 6 months and 5 years at a Halton Region community clinic at [halton.ca/COVIDvaccines](https://halton.ca/COVIDvaccines).
- People who previously had a COVID-19 infection can boost their protection against COVID-19 by getting their next eligible COVID-19 vaccine 2-3 months after symptoms started or testing positive.

### HOW TO OFFER COVID-19 VACCINE IN YOUR PRACTICE

- Protect your eligible staff and patients by providing an easy option for COVID-19 vaccination. Visit the [onboarding webpage](#) or email [pharmacists@halton.ca](mailto:pharmacists@halton.ca) with any questions.
- Email your completed [clinic readiness checklist](#) and [Memorandum of Understanding](#) to [pharmacists@halton.ca](mailto:pharmacists@halton.ca).
- Complete the [OntarioMD COVax Training](#) and attend a Halton online onboarding session.
- Receive your COVax accounts and vaccine event information.
- Order COVID-19 vaccine [online](#). You can order as little as one vial at a time.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Sick Kids' COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#) – 1-888-304-6558

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (only report COVID-19 cases occurring in high-risk settings) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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