

Patient updates

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Dear patients,

We are writing to share some information and resources about the COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months to under 5 years of age.

In this communication, we will share:

- COVID-19 vaccine information for children 6 months to under 5 years of age
- Where to get your child vaccinated

COVID-19 vaccine information for children 6 months to under 5 years of age

Vaccination continues to be the most effective way to protect us from severe illness and hospitalization from COVID-19. We strongly recommend all eligible patients, including those 6 months to under 5 years of age, to get vaccinated. The vaccine is safe and it works!

SickKids Hospital has created a great Frequently Asked Questions page, and we strongly encourage you to take a look and review, especially if you are unsure about vaccinating your child.

[COVID-19 Vaccines for children under 5](#)

If you have more questions, we encourage you to call and book an appointment to speak with your doctor or nurse practitioner.

For more resources that may help support your decision making, see below:

[City of Toronto](#)

[University of Waterloo- School of Pharmacy](#)

Where to get your child vaccinated against COVID-19

Currently there are many options to get these vaccines in the community. They include:

1. City of Toronto-run immunization clinics ([online booking* now available](#)):
 - o Crossroads Plaza,
 - o Cloverdale Mall,
 - o Mitchell Field Community Centre,
 - o Thorncliffe Park Community Hub
 - o 1940 Eglinton Ave. E
2. Regent Park CHC at 40 Oak and St. Jamestown community corner are also offering vaccine appointments for everyone 6 months and older. This is a great community clinic option and we have worked closely with this clinic through the pandemic. To book with them [click here](#), or check out their August calendar below.
3. Holland Bloorview Hospital is hosting [a fully accessible, sensory-and family-friendly vaccination clinic](#) for children aged 6 months and up with disabilities and/or complex care needs as well as their siblings, family members and the general public.
4. The Mid-West Ontario Health Team is hosting COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics at the Toronto Western Family Health Team (**440 Bathurst St., 3rd Floor**) for children ages 6 months to under 5 years. These clinics are by appointment only. Booking is [available online](#). Vaccinators are nurses from SickKids who have lots of experience with this age group.

We encourage you to use any of these great options to get these vaccines!

At this time, we do not have these vaccines available in our clinics and are currently looking into how we can offer them in the future.

To understand our patients' needs and interests with the COVID-19 vaccine, we have created a brief survey to help us with our planning. If you are the primary caregiver to a child who is 6 months to under 5 years of age, please complete the following survey. **This survey has 6 questions and should take 2-5 minutes to complete. We appreciate your feedback!**

https://dfcmutorontoca.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8p70UhsrCKxsfuS

Take care and be well,
SMHAFHT Leadership Team