

COVID-19 VACCINES FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS

COVID-19 is a serious illness that can affect everyone in our community.

While COVID-19 is a very mild illness in most children those with certain medical conditions have an increased risk of severe outcomes.

By having your child or dependent vaccinated against COVID-19 you are protecting them from getting seriously ill and decreasing the chance of them spreading the virus to other family members.



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Children aged 5 years and older are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Children aged 5-11 years will receive two doses of the Pfizer vaccine, eight weeks apart* the children's dose is one third of the dose for people aged 12 years and over.

*The interval can be shortened in special circumstances to a minimum of 3 weeks, such as in an outbreak response, prior to the initiation of significant immunosuppression or international travel.

Children who turn 12 after their first dose may receive the adolescent/adult formulation of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to complete their primary vaccine course.

See over the page for more information on how to book an appointment and how to talk to your child about getting the vaccine.

• How to book a COVID-19 vaccination for someone else

As a parent, guardian, carer or authorised substitute decision maker, you can book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment of behalf of someone who is your dependent; this includes children aged 5-11 years.

• What do I need to bring to the vaccination appointment

Remember to bring your Medicare card to the appointment.

Primary carers need to bring any official documentation that proves their authority as a substitute decision maker and shows their relationship to their dependent person.

• Talking to your child about the vaccine

Before coming to the appointment it may be helpful to explain to your child that vaccines are a type of medicine that stops you from getting sick in the first place. The medicine gives your body (immune system) a recipe or instructions to help it to know how to fight off the COVID virus if you catch it

Being clear that the vaccine is given with a needle is important but explaining that it should only feel like a sharp scratch or mosquito bite might help. Talk to them about which arm they would like to get the vaccine in.

• Common side effects of the vaccine in children

Common side effects for children are fever, fatigue or chills, which normally last less than 24 hours. Side effects are more often seen after the second dose.

• To book your appointment at Wuchopperen call 4255 8400

NOTE: COVID -19 Vaccines for children aged 5-11 years old are only available from the Manoora clinic and by appointment only. COVID-19 vaccines (1st, 2nd and boosters) are available for anyone 12 years and older from both our Manoora and Edmonton clinics where appointments are encouraged but walk-ins welcome.



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