

COVID-19 VACCINES FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

Your chance to share your perspective

Thursday, June 16, 2022

As you know, York Region Public Health has worked to engage the community and seek your opinion on how best to provide access to COVID-19 vaccines and answer your questions.

More than 14,700 parents shared their views and preferences for children ages five to 11 through our survey earlier this year. Thank you to each and every parent/guardian who completed the survey. We read every response, and we acted on your recommendations!

Do you have a child under the age of five?

To help us plan for the rollout of the vaccine to younger children when it is authorized, York Region Public Health is inviting parents and guardians to share their opinions on vaccinating this age group by completing a short survey.

Your thoughts will help shape how vaccines will be provided to this age group. It will also provide a space to share your questions and concerns and allow health experts to provide more information. Survey responses will not affect any current or future services participants receive from York Region or influence Health Canada's review process.



PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY NOW AT [SURVEYS.YORK.CA/UNDER5SURVEY](https://surveys.york.ca/under5survey)

Your voice matters

York Region Public Health and our partners are committed to supporting parents and guardians navigate the decision to vaccinate their children against COVID-19. Providing feedback through these surveys and ongoing initiatives gives us an opportunity to answer your questions and improve services to support our communities.

The survey is open from Thursday, June 16 to Wednesday, July 6, 2022. If you have questions about the survey or how the information you provide will be used, please call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thank you for taking the time to help us serve you better.

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Up-to-Date Vaccine Information and Clinics

The COVID-19 vaccine is not a one-dose or a two-dose vaccine. Like many other routine childhood vaccines, you need a primary series (first shots) and a booster for highly effective and long-lasting protection.

At this time, everyone ages five to 11 needs **two doses** of vaccine, with a likely third dose in the next few months. Everyone 12 and older needs and is currently eligible for **three doses**.

Older individuals' immunity wanes faster than younger people, and they are more likely to suffer serious illness from COVID-19. Individuals 60 years of age and older are now eligible to get their **fourth dose**.

Being vaccinated with three doses has been shown to decrease the likelihood of infection and serious illness. Studies have shown that being vaccinated with three doses also decreases the amount of virus in your body, decreasing your chances of passing COVID-19 on to others. The more people in the community with a third dose, the less transmission there will be and the faster we can get back to pre-pandemic life.

Walk-in and booked appointments are available at every York Region Public Health vaccine clinic. Visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine or call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 for clinic locations and details.

Thank you,

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