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Ages 5-11 Eligible to Book COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment

As of **8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23**, individuals aged 5 and older (including those turning 5 in 2021) are eligible to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at Southwestern Public Health mass vaccination clinics.

Appointments are required. Local appointments for this age group are limited for the week of November 22, due to vaccine arrival timelines. More appointments will be available starting the week of November 29.

For children under 12, Southwestern Public Health will require a parent or legal guardian to provide consent at the appointment.

Book online at www.covidvaccineLM.ca or call 1-800-922-0096 ext. 9 (8:30-4:30, Monday to Friday). Please remain patient if you cannot access an appointment right away.

Approval Information

- Health Canada announced approval of the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5 to 11 on November 19. Key points include:
 - Youth aged 5 to 11 must only accept the paediatric formulation (10 mg) of Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine approved for this age group, as approved by Health Canada
 - Minimum 8-week interval between first and second dose
 - Co-administration of routine vaccines within 14 days is not advised at this time

Resources

- [Health Canada: Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty COVID-19 Vaccine, updated for ages 5-11](#)
- [Ministry of Health Paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Ontario.ca/covidvaccinekids
- www.swpublichealth.ca/covid19vaccine
- Share this video with patients/clients to visualize the [COVID-19 Vaccine Family Clinic Experience](#).

Reminder for Other Youth Age Groups

- Youth aged 12 to 17 must only accept the adult dosage of Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine, [as advised by the Ontario Ministry of Health](#), until further notice
- Adults aged 18 to 24 are recommended to accept Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine, [as advised by the Ontario Ministry of Health](#), unless they request Moderna (Spikevax) vaccine through informed consent