



Halton Region Public Health
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past several months, many families have experienced uncertainty and challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At Halton Region Public Health, we recognize how the community has come together to face adversity and reduce the spread of COVID-19. We appreciate your efforts and thank you all for doing your part.

On November 19, [Health Canada](#) approved a paediatric COVID-19 vaccine for use in children 5 to 11 years of age. The paediatric Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective in protecting children 5-11 years of age from getting sick from COVID-19. All COVID-19 vaccines authorized by Health Canada are evaluated using rigorous standards. The [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\)](#) has recommended children receive two doses at least eight weeks apart.

[Halton Region Public Health](#) is excited to share that on Tuesday, November 23, COVID-19 vaccination booking for children 5 to 11 years of age (or born in 2016 or earlier and turning five in 2021) is available. Residents can start booking appointments for first doses through [Halton's online booking system](#) or by calling 311. Second doses can be booked at a date closer to the recommended eight-week interval. Appointments are dependent on paediatric vaccine supply and will be added to the booking system as supply is confirmed. Halton Region's COVID-19 community and paediatric vaccination clinics will be available for first and second doses by appointment only.

Appointments are available starting Friday, November 26 at our [existing community vaccination clinics](#) and new [child-friendly paediatric clinics](#). When booking your appointment consider your child's age and needs when choosing which clinic style is best for your child.

Halton Region Paediatric Clinics	Halton Region Community Clinics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best suited for children 5 to 8 years of age, children who need special accommodations or are anxious about vaccination. • Smaller clinics with private rooms for vaccination. • Equipped with child-friendly signage in immunization rooms and TVs in recovery rooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best suited for children 9 to 11 years of age or children who are confident about vaccination. • Traditional immunization clinics in larger, open settings. • Children may be vaccinated in semi-private "pods", at individual tables or open rows, depending on clinic location. • Private areas are available upon request. • Equipped with child-friendly signage.

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Paediatric clinics will be located in each municipality. Currently appointments are available at our paediatric clinic in Burlington (3450 Harvester Road), Oakville (240 Wyecroft Road) and Milton (180 Market Drive). An additional paediatric clinic in Halton Hills will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Accommodations for vaccination are available, including accessibility, private areas, language support and transportation options are available at Halton vaccination clinics:

- At community or paediatric clinics, residents requiring [additional assistance, language supports or other accommodations](#) can contact 311 prior to their appointment to arrange for supports.
- [Transportation services](#) to and from appointments at Halton clinics are available, free of charge, for those who require it. Please note that transportation is not provided to other locations (for example, pharmacies).

Informed consent for vaccination is required for children attending an appointment without a parent or guardian. Information about informed consent is available on halton.ca/COVIDvaccines4kids. Consent is required for any children attending an appointment without a parent.

In addition to Halton's clinics, children 5 to 11 years of age who live or study in Halton have options to get their vaccine at [many pharmacies](#), and [primary care and paediatric offices](#) who have signed up to offer the vaccine. Call for your primary care provider to enquire if they are providing the COVID-19 vaccine if you wish to have your child vaccinated there.

To get the latest information on the paediatric vaccine and answers to frequently asked questions please visit halton.ca/COVIDvaccines4kids.

Halton Region has launched the [Halton Heroes](#) campaign, featuring fun, family-friendly resources to help parents speak to their kids about COVID-19 and help children prepare for vaccination. The Region's team of Halton Heroes will also be featured in the paediatric clinics to create a calming and positive experience for everyone. Parents/guardians are encouraged to introduce the Halton Heroes to their children so they can recognize these familiar characters when they arrive for their appointment. Halton Heroes activity sheets, videos, and more are available at halton.ca/COVIDvaccines4kids. It is my hope that this will be useful information to start preparing your child to be a #HaltonHero and roll up their sleeve with confidence.

Together we can ensure that your child stays healthy and continues to participate in school, extracurricular activities and family events.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to keep our children, families and community safe.

Sincerely,



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Medical Officer of Health