



Ontario Association of
Children's Aid Societies

VAX FACTS

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counts



The purpose of Vax Facts is to provide up to date, credible information about the COVID-19 vaccination process in Ontario. Please feel free to also use these resources to augment your local discussions about vaccinations. If you have a resource that you think the sector would benefit from, send it to covid19@oacas.org.

Resources are available now, and will be added to regularly, at oacas.org/EveryShotCounts for staff and stakeholders to access information about COVID-19 vaccines in one place.

- The big news this week is that **eligibility for Astra Zeneca has been lowered to those 40+** (those born in 1981 or earlier) through the provincial Pharmacy Program.
 - To find a pharmacy near you to book an appointment, click [here](#).

- For a great, quick slide show from the scientists behind COVID Vaccine Facts about the risk vs. benefits of taking the first vaccine offered to you, click [here](#) (and follow them on Instagram for great content [@CovidVaccineFacts!](#)).
- **Supply for those 18+ living or working in hot spots, has increased across the province.** To find out about mobile or pop up clinics in hot spot areas, check with your local PHU or check in with Vaccine Hunters who are doing a great job posting up to the minute vaccine information: <https://vaccinehunters.ca/>
- We've had some questions from foster carers about vaccine eligibility for youth. **As a reminder, the Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine currently approved people 16+** (or for those 12+ with complex special needs, in consultation with their physician). Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are approved for those 18+ and eligibility for AstraZeneca/Covishield in Ontario is currently 40+. Please help us get the word out about eligibility to support youth having access to vaccination.
- Otherwise, **the provincial system continues to be updated with information about eligibility in specific PHUs**, which is changing regularly. Click [here](#) to find out the latest about eligibility and to book appointments for most PHUs.

Resources

- Barack Obama, Shaquille O'Neal and Charles Barkley have released a 5 min video that speaks the importance of vaccination with direct messaging to the Black community and youth. You can watch it [here](#).
- Health Canada has recently released some good, quick, and easy to watch videos that tackle myths about the COVID-19 vaccines. Watch them [here](#) in English or [here](#) in French.