



Ontario Association of
Children's Aid Societies



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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 Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) released data about COVID-19 infection rates post one (1) dose of vaccine and concluded that only 1.3 per cent of all COVID-19 cases reported to the PHAC (as of April 26, 2021) were people who had received one dose of vaccine. This means that *“the vast majority of cases are occurring among unvaccinated individuals and supporting the benefits of the extended-dose strategy”* (see Globe and Mail story [here](#)), strengthening the evidence that [#EveryShotCounts](#).

- The provincial system continues to be updated with information about eligibility in specific PHU's, which is changing regularly. Click [here](#) to find out the latest about eligibility and to book appointments for most PHU's or call the provincial call center at 1-833-943-3900. The changes this week include:
 - Anyone 18+ living in one of the provinces' [114 hot spot communities](#) can now book an appointment via the [provincial booking system](#). What does this mean? [Check out this explainer!](#)
 - As of Thursday, May 6 at 8 AM, booking through the [provincial booking system](#) will be [expanded](#) to more eligible populations, including *Essential workers in Group 1*, the category that officially includes children's aid society workers, for those who have not been able to access vaccine via other criteria.
- And finally, as more and more vaccines are administered, a reminder from our friends in Public Health that after only one shot, the evidence is compelling that you are protected from the most severe complications of COVID such as hospitalization and death, *but* it is integral to continue masking, physically distancing and following other infection control measures until you are fully vaccinated and/or advised otherwise by Public Health officials.

Resources

- Join your sector colleagues on May 7 from 1-1:45 PM EST for a webinar with [Dr. Lee](#), an Associate Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Dr. Lee will present up to date information about COVID-19 vaccinations, learnings from the vaccination program to date and will also be available to answer your questions. Feel free [to share the invite](#), all are welcome. In case you can't make it, the webinar will be posted [here](#).