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VAX FACTS



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Thank you to everyone for reading VaxFacts and doing your part to keep the communities we work in safe by getting vaccinated if you can. The information out there has grown incredibly since we started VaxFacts! We will continue to collate, in this separate and new way, the best information from credible sources.

As always, if you have a resource or event that you think the sector would benefit from, send it to us via covid19@oacas.org and don't hesitate to share this email.

Check out oacas.org/EveryShotCounts for information about COVID-19 vaccines in one place.

Recent News

- There has been a lot of talk this week about the Delta variant. This variant is proving to be more transmissible than other strains of COVID-19 and scientists think that it will become the dominant type of infection in the next 4-6 weeks. The good news is that being vaccinated protects you against the most severe effects of the Delta variant, especially after two shots. [This short slide show](#) expertly rolls

up current information about the Delta variant and its intersection with the vaccine. Don't have Instagram? Access it [here](#).

- In an effort to protect as many people as possible from the impact of the Delta variant, the increments between shots has been adjusted for those living or working in the Delta "hot spots." Effective June 14, second shots are being offered to adults as follows: Pfizer 21+ days, Moderna 28+ days, and Astra Zeneca 8+ weeks. The current Delta hot spot regions are Halton, Peel, Porcupine, Toronto, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, and York.
- Additionally, as previously announced, more and more other groups are eligible for their 2nd shots. VaxHunters has a great tool that reflects eligibility and process as of today that you can access [here](#) or [here](#).

Children and Youth

- We are tracking the vaccination rates of 12-17-year old's and it is ah-mazing! Public Health Ontario reports that as of June 9, 42.9% of young people in this age group have had at least one shot, up from ~28% last week. Track the progress [here](#).
- We encourage you to understand how your PHU is progressing on youth vaccinations to help you benchmark progress with the youth you work with. You can find your PHU's data [here](#) by selecting the tab "Vaccine Rankings" and then the age group you'd like to see via the drop down on the right hand side.
- You will notice vaccination "blitzes" in your area over the next two weeks in order to give 12+'s the opportunity to be fully vaccinated by the time school starts. Aren't sure why young people should be vaccinated? The folks [@PublicHealthCheckers](#) have a great slide show on Instagram that you can access and share [here](#). If you're not on Instagram, you can find it [here](#).

Our favorite resource this week:

- Talking to youth about the COVID-19 vaccine and want to prepare them for what to expect when they go to a clinic? [Watch this 3-minute video with them](#).

Produced by Sick Kids and starring a young person, it offers clear, helpful information about what to expect.

The one thing we'll be watching this week:

- On June 22 at 7 PM EST, hosted by [19toZero](#), Dr. Cora Constantinescu, a pediatric infectious diseases physician, will be discuss the importance of vaccinations in protecting children and in allowing children to return to school. You can register [here](#).

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