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VAX FACTS



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Recent News

Beginning Friday June 11, the province enters Step 1 of its Reopening Plan, which is tied closely to immunization rates. The province will remain at each step for a minimum of 21 days to ensure infection rates continue to trend downwards as immunization rates increase. You can read more about the thresholds and the Plan [here](#). Thank you to everyone who has taken their shot!

Adults

- **First the good news... appointments for second shots are being moved up across age groups all over the province!** The less good news is that it can be confusing to understand when you are eligible and how to book. The best resource we've found to clear up the confusion was created by Vax Hunters Canada. Click [here](#) to read it in case it's helpful to supplement what your PHU is providing.
- Not sure what to do after the announcement that vaccines can be mixed? Having trouble finding AstraZeneca? Not sure if you should opt for a mRNA vaccine for your second shot? **The University of Waterloo and 19 to Zero created a helpful**

resource to assist in your decision making. Access the infographic [here](#) and read the evidence brief behind it [here](#).

Children and Youth

- **The effort to vaccinate children and youth 12+ has made phenomenal progress since efforts began a few short weeks ago.** Across the province, 28.7% of young people 12-17 have received their first shot! You can track provincial progress via Public Health Ontario [here](#).
 - **If you're interested in seeing how your PHU is progressing to help you benchmark progress with the youth you work with, check out this [resource](#)** 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.
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Our favorite resource this week:

- **Speaking with children, youth, and families about the COVID-19 vaccine and running into questions?** The folks at [@Covidvaccinefacts](#) pulled together the best information and advice on engaging in conversations around vaccine hesitancy. Access it [here](#) on Instagram or [here](#) on the #EveryShotCounts page.
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The one thing we'll be watching this week:

- ***Caring for the well being of families during a pandemic:*** On June 12 from 10:30-11:30 AM EST, Dr. Ripudaman Singh Minhas, will host a talk focused on a whole health approach to growing and wellness during a pandemic. You can register [here](#). Dr. Ripudaman Singh Minhas is a developmental pediatrician who started the successful Punjabi Kids' Health Network to share evidence-based health advice for families in English and Punjabi.

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