



Ontario Association of
Children's Aid Societies

VAX FACTS

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Thank you to everyone for reading *Vax Facts* 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 *Vax Facts*! As a result, *Vax Facts* is moving! We will continue to collate the best information from credible sources but starting next week in a separate newsletter.

As always, if you *have a resource that you think the sector would benefit from*, send it to us via covid19@oacas.org and don't hesitate to share this email or the resources to facilitate conversations. Check out oacas.org/EveryShotCounts for information about COVID-19 vaccines in one place.

Children and Youth

- Children 12+ are now [eligible](#) to book their vaccine online via the provincial [vaccine booking system](#) or by phone to the provincial booking line at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY service is also available by calling 1-866-797-0007).

- In addition to this, many PHUs have opened up bookings to 12+'s with pop up or hospital clinics or select pharmacies also providing options. Check locally to understand the process in your community.
- Pfizer is the brand currently authorized for 12+'s in Canada, however Moderna is expected to submit data for consideration to Health Canada by the end of the week and is expected to be the next brand approved for this age group after very showing very similar efficacy to Pfizer.
- There is no further update on authorization for children younger than 12 (although more than one vaccine is being trialed in children as young as 6 months).
- Did you miss our session last week on the vaccine for children and youth with Dr. Wormsbecker, a pediatrician from Unity Health? Click [here](#) to watch it.
- During the webinar we had lots of questions about if the vaccine effect fertility. The answer is no, it doesn't; but don't take our word for it! Here is some further information:
 - The SOGC issued a [statement](#) seconding what Dr. Wormsbecker said and outlining one of the origins of this myth.
 - [@COVIDvaccinefacts](#) also did a great, easy-to-read [slide show](#) on Instagram speaking directly to the same questions.
 - [@blacktorontocovid](#) speaks directly to the Black community's concerns based on historical wrongs [here](#).
- Looking for something in writing re: the vaccine and children? The City of Toronto has a good fact sheet that you can access [here](#).

Adults

- Did you receive the AstraZeneca vaccine? Last week the government [announced](#) that starting this week, people who had their first shot 10 weeks ago are eligible for their second beginning with people who were vaccinated the week of March 10 and rolling forward from there. The current direction is to check in with the place that gave you your first shot for instructions on where, when, and how to get it as supply may vary across the province.
 - Concerned about the press around blood clots (VITT's) and AstraZeneca? [Here](#) is the most recent data: 1 VITT per 55, 000 doses in Canada and data out of the UK (where they have already administered second shots of Astra Zeneca) shows the risk to be likely lower for your second shot.
 - If you'd like to wait for a MRNA vaccine, hang tight. Recommendations about how, what, and when are expected in the coming weeks.

For Everyone

- A reminder that an OHIP card is not required for a COVID-19 vaccine. [@vaxhuntersca](#) published an infographic with the info needed in 20 languages. Access it [here](#) and help spread the word in your communities.
- The Canadian multi-partner *This is Our Shot* campaign has an extensive Q+A section available in 27 languages! Click [here](#) to access it.