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The purpose of *VaxFacts* is to share credible and up to date information about the COVID-19 vaccine from Canadian sources to help the conversations you are having with children, youth and families. If you have a resource or event that you think the sector would benefit from, send it to us via <u>covid19@oacas.org</u> and don't hesitate to share this email.

Check out <u>oacas.org/EveryShotCounts</u> for a collection of the best resources from previous editions of *VaxFacts* and more!

#### **Recent News**

• There have been celebrations this week as the province met important thresholds for vaccination. In the 12+ age group, 70% have at least one shot which is great! You can track the progress of the province <u>here</u>.

### Our favourite resource this week

 Although some great progress has been made, the number of first doses has stalled, making one to one education and conversations more important than ever. If you are working with someone who has questions you can't answer, the amazing people at <u>VaxFacts Clinic</u> offer one-on-one calls with doctors and specialists who are happy to answer questions in a nonjudgemental way. This service is available across Ontario. Click <u>here</u> to book an appointment.

### Join us today!

 Join Keishia Facey, Program Manager of One Vision One Voice, today at 12:30 PM as she sits down with Dr. Upton Allen, head of the Department of Infectious Diseases at Sick Kids and member of the Black Scientists' Task Force on Vaccine Equity to talk about the COVID-19 vaccine in the Black community. Click <u>here</u> to access the Zoom link and if you miss it, the recording will be posted <u>here</u> shortly after the event.

## Save the date!

 On July 27, in partnership with Sick Kids, Anishnawbe Health Toronto, and the Toronto-based child welfare organizations, we are hosting another COVID-19 vaccine clinic for young people connected to child welfare. This barrier-free clinic is open to anyone irrespective of their address or which agency they work with. Help us spread the word! Access the poster with all the details <u>here</u>.

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