



VAX FACTS



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The purpose of *VaxFacts* is to share the most recent and best information about all things COVID-19 vaccine, from credible, 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 covid19@oacas.org and don't hesitate to share this email.

Check out oacas.org/EveryShotCounts for all the information referenced in *VaxFacts* and more!

Recent News

- On June 25th the Public Health Agency of Canada released practical guidance for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. You can access the color coded chart [here](#). The same information is presented a bit differently in this Instagram [slide show](#) put together by @phfactcheck.
- Starting Monday, June 28th at 8:00 a.m., Ontarians aged 18 and over who received their first dose of an mRNA vaccine will be eligible to book an appointment to receive their second. Read the full announcement [here](#).

Children and Youth

- Public Health Ontario [reports](#) that as of June 13, 60% of children 12-17 have received at least one dose of their COVID-19 vaccine.
- While good progress has been made, there is a worry that the next 40% will be harder. We've heard your concerns, especially for children in care, that there is some hesitancy. Two of our favorite resources to navigate this topic are [this primer](#) on "vaccine hesitancy" by @CovidVaccineFacts and VaxChat/ChatVac which is available in [English](#) and [French](#). In her session on Monday, Dr. Shapiro (see below!) will speak to what the literature says about engaging youth and offer other strategies that may be helpful.

The one thing you don't want to miss this week:

- On Monday, July 5 at 9 AM, OACAS is hosting a webinar about vaccinations for children and youth with Dr. Gilla Shapiro, Clinical and Health Psychologist at the University Health Network, and member of the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table. The webinar is open to all staff, regardless of role. Questions or examples of the concerns about vaccination you are hearing from youth, can be submitted in advance to covid19@oacas.org. Participants can join the webinar using the Zoom link [here](#).

Have young person close to Toronto that needs a vaccine?

- OACAS has partnered with SickKids, Anishnawbe Health Toronto and the four Toronto child welfare agencies to host a pop up vaccine clinic for young people! The clinic, taking place Tuesday, July 6 from 10 AM to 3:30 PM, is open to anyone aged 12-25 needing a vaccine, no matter where they live or which agency (anywhere in the province!) they receive service from. There will be a DJ, food, peer ambassadors and professionals on hand to answer any questions and lots of fun to be had! Find out more in the flyer [here](#) and contact [Marisa Cicero](#) if you have any questions. **Please help us spread the word!**

About the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies:

Since 1912, OACAS has represented Ontario's Children's Aid Societies in Ontario and provided service in the areas of government relations, communications, information management, education and training to advocate for the protection and well-being of children.

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