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# VAX FACTS



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The purpose of *VaxFacts* is to share credible and up to date information about the COVID-19 vaccine to assist with 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](mailto:covid19@oacas.org) and don't hesitate to share this email.

Check out [oacas.org/EveryShotCounts](https://oacas.org/EveryShotCounts) and [oacas.org/maxthevax](https://oacas.org/maxthevax) for a collection of the best resources from previous editions of *VaxFacts* and more!

## Vaccination Updates

- Anyone **12+** is now eligible for a booster in Ontario. Please help the youth you work with get to an appointment.
- There continues to be delays in approval for vaccines for the under 5s. These delays are not related to safety but to effectiveness, so the work continues to bring it to market. Read a summary of what we know so far [here](#).

- On February 9, Dr. Moore issued a memo to colleagues in health asking them to renew their efforts to get kids 5-11 vaccinated which you may notice locally. You can read his memo [here](#).

### **COVID-19 Vaccination Resources**

- Are you one of the almost 4 million people around the world who had Omicron recently? Wondering what it means for reinfection and scheduling your booster? Science Up First/La Science Dabord has a great summary you can read [here](#) in French and [here](#) in English.
- Follow [@MyVaxxJourney](#) for a Canadian Indigenous Youth-led campaign promoting vaccine confidence through meaningful exchanges and authentic stories of vaccination journeys. They have a contest open right now for kids to win a pair of Jordan's! More information about their campaign is available on their [website](#).
- Don't forget, to check out our [Max the Vax](#) website if you are looking for a specific resource. We update it regularly to ensure that you have access to the best and latest resources to support the conversations you are having with families. If you'd like some Max stickers to help engage families in conversations, email us at [MaxtheVax@oacas.org](mailto:MaxtheVax@oacas.org).
- If you are working with someone who has questions best answered by a health care provider, help them arrange to speak to an expert. If their questions relate to kids, call the Sick Kids [COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#). Adults? Call VaxFacts by setting up an appointment [here](#). Both services are free and have multilingual health care providers available to answer questions.
- The Children's Health Coalition has created a campaign focused on encouraging parents to do their homework when it comes to vaccines for kids. Their website [parenthomework.ca](#) includes vaccine facts, top questions, and some playful language to encourage caregivers to get informed.

### **Join Us...**

- On February 23 at 10 AM (EST) for a session called Mental Health and Well Being during the Pandemic and Beyond with Dr. Julie Maggi, a psychiatrist with expertise

in perinatal mental health and front line worker well-being. Our very own Marisa Cicero will be moderating. Click [here](#) to find out more and to join the Instagram Live on the day! You don't need an Instagram account to participate and can submit any questions you may have in advance.

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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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