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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 and don't hesitate to share this email.

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

Vaccination Updates

- Health Canada has approved a new protein-based, two-dose vaccine called Novavax for individuals 18+. Clinical trials showed the vaccine was 90% effective at protecting against COVID-19. Learn more [here](#) and [here](#).
- Fifty-six percent of the world has been vaccinated against COVID-19 according to the [World Health Organization](#). Still, the organization is not likely to declare an end to the pandemic soon, as Omicron continues to surge in many parts of the world.

- Saskatchewan has seen an [increase in emergency room visits](#) for young people under the age of five, with COVID-19 as the likely culprit. This reinforces the importance of continuing to mask and be vaccinated, including boosters, for those who are eligible to stop the spread.
- 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.

COVID-19 Vaccination Resources

- Are you trying to help people make decisions in the wake of the changing restrictions as of March 1st? Check out this resource [here](#). As a reminder, the province has scrapped the vaccine certificate system and has lifted all remaining capacity limits in indoor settings.
- [Max the Vax](#) is still available to answer your questions about the COVID-19 vaccine for kids 5-11. We update the website 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.

Watch...

- The Black Scientists' Task Force on Vaccine Equity has started a healing series on Instagram to share stories of how Black Canadians have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Check out the first video [here](#) or visit [@blacktorontocovid](#) to see the full series.

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