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VAX FACTS

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On March 11, 2020—two years ago this week—the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

A lot has happened since then, including vaccination becoming a contemporary issue in child welfare for the first time in history. *VaxFacts* was launched on [April 2, 2021](#), with the goal of providing concise, reputable information about vaccination to help the sector better understand this emerging issue and support early engagement with children, youth, and families to support informed decisions.

Although COVID-19 remains a reality in our communities, the benefits of vaccination are clear: *vaccination is one of the most important things we can do to protect against serious illness.*

Given vaccine supply is steady and widely available across the province for those 5+ and we have an excellent cache of resources available, we have decided to pause *VaxFacts* for the time being. We will resume when (and if!) regular communication about vaccination is required and/or there are salient new developments.

Our work over the last year was steered by the *Child Welfare Vaccine Table*, a group of committed child welfare stakeholders who met regularly to signal emerging issues, contribute to mitigation planning, and help combat misinformation. This group too is pausing its work, but we wanted to take a moment to recognize their important contributions. **Thank you!**

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We will continue to update the [Max the Vax](#) website to ensure that you have access to the best and latest resources, and you can follow us on [Twitter](#) where we will continue to amplify related news.

Thank you for reading. Stay well.

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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