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COVID VACCINES FOR KIDS - THEY'RE HERE!!!

COVID-19 vaccines for kids (5-11) are now available in Ontario!

Appointments can be made through the province's <u>online registration system</u> or by calling the vaccine booking line (1-833-943-3900). It is expected that immunization clinics will continue to be announced and run in the community in the coming weeks as well.

Ontario - <u>Book A Vaccine Appointment</u>
City of Toronto - <u>Vaccination Clinics</u>

It is recommended that kids wait 8 weeks between doses.

At Generations, we have now received a limited amount of pediatric vaccine (Pfizer) for kids in our practices as well. If you would prefer to get your child immunized within the familiar (and friendly!) confines of our office, please feel free to contact us to schedule an appointment.

Please note:

- In order to avoid wasting any vaccine doses, we anticipate that Pediatric COVID-19 vaccines will only be scheduled on specific days.
- A 14-day interval between the COVID vaccine and other vaccines is now recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI). This is once again being done out of an abundance of caution, and only applies to children.
- We <u>only</u> have Pediatric COVID vaccine in our office; we do not have COVID vaccines for patients older than 12 years old, nor do we expect to receive any in the near future.

Online resources:

- Focused COVID Communication (University of Waterloo Pharmacy)
 - o Covid-19 mRNA Vaccines for Children: Frequently Asked Questions
 - Now or Wait?: Decision Tool
- Society of Obstetricians & Gynecologist of Canada COVID-19 Myths & Facts
- Sick Kids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service
- Strategies for Reducing Pain from Shots (pandemic-parent.org):
 - Helping Your Child with Vaccine Fear & Anxiety
- Supporting Your Child During COVID-19 Vaccination (emotional-safety.org)
 - o <u>Developmental Differences</u>
 - o Every child deserves emotionally safe care
 - Supporting Your Teen During COVID-19 Vaccination



PATIENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY

We are committed to providing the highest quality care. Feedback from our patients is an important part of this process. To support this, we are participating in an initiative through the Department of Family & Community Medicine at North York General Hospital by sending a brief survey to our patients about your experience of care.

The survey takes about 5-10 minutes to complete; this version is intended for patients with birthdays between May-October (another link will be circulated at a later date for patients born November-April).

To access this survey, please click here: https://dfcmutorontoca.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6XYako5ZymQkc8m

We hope that you will participate in our survey - hearing from you will help us to improve our services and the quality of care we provide.

Thank you for your participation!