

Durham Region Health Department **FAX about...**

For Health Care Professionals

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Children 6 months and older

COVID-19 vaccine may be administered simultaneously with (i.e., same day), or at any time before or after non COVID-19 vaccines (including live and non-live vaccines). Studies to assess safety and immunogenicity of concurrent administration of COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccines are ongoing.

Children 5 to 11 years of age

Beginning December 22, 2022, **Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech (10 mcg)** COVID-19 vaccine product is offered across Durham as a **booster dose** for children **5 to 11 years of age**.

Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech (10 mcg) COVID-19 vaccine is the only authorized **bivalent** vaccine product for this age group. It is only available as a booster upon completion of a primary series. Bivalent Pfizer (10 mcg) targets the BA.4/5 Omicron subvariants.

The minimum interval from a previous dose or COVID-19 infection is 3 months with informed consent, however the recommended interval from prior infection or last dose is 6 months.

Novavax authorized as a booster

Health Canada authorized the use of Novavax as a booster for individuals 18 years and older without contraindications to the vaccine and who are not able or willing to receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccine opportunities are available through GO-VAXX, at pop-up clinics, at <u>participating pharmacies</u> and through designated <u>health care providers</u>. Eligible individuals can book an appointment for a COVID-19 Vaccine at Durham Region Health Department community immunization clinics by visiting <u>www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment</u> or by calling the appointment booking line 1-888-444-5113.

Visit www.durham.ca/covidvaccines for more information.

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