

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

For Health Care Professionals

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Available for Children 6 months - 4 years of age

Infant Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty® COVID-19 vaccine is now available for children 6 months to 4 years of age across Durham.

The vaccine is administered in a **three-dose series (0.2 mL [3 mcg] dose)** at a recommended interval of **eight weeks (56 days) between doses**. The eight-week interval is optimal for longest lasting protection; however, with informed consent, a minimum interval of 28 days can be used between the first and second dose. Between the second and third dose, the 56-day interval must be used.

It is not recommended to mix mRNA products for this age group. Given the differing number of doses in the primary schedules between monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech and monovalent Moderna and the lack of data evaluating mixed products for this age group, infants and children who initiate the series with one product (monovalent Moderna 25 mcg or monovalent Pfizer® BioNTech (3 mcg) should complete the series with the same product wherever possible.

COVID-19 vaccines for children 6 months to 4 years old **should not routinely be given concomitantly** (i.e., same day) **with other vaccines** (live or non-live); wait for a period of 14 days before or after a different vaccine. A shorter interval between the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine and a different vaccine may be warranted in some circumstances at the discretion of a health care provider.

Due to the unique needs of this population, it is recommended this age group be **vaccinated through their primary health care providers.** For more information on offering the COVID-19 vaccine in your practice, please visit www.durham.ca/hcp or email covidvaccine@durham.ca.

Individuals can **book an appointment for an Infant Pfizer vaccine** at Durham Region Health Department community immunization clinics visiting www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment or by calling the appointment booking line 1-888-444-5113. Walk-in appointments will not be available for this age group at this time. Additional vaccine opportunities are available at pop-up clinics and at participating pharmacies.

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

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