



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccination: It's a Great Time to Get on Board

As the provincial COVID-19 vaccine campaign has recently expanded to include 0–4-year-old vaccination, second booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine for residents 18 years of age and older and with an anticipated increase in vaccination in the fall along with Influenza vaccination, this is an opportune time for you to **administer COVID-19 vaccines within your practice**.

We ask you to **consider the unique position** you are in to engage with patients in your practice. Some factors to consider include:

- There is anticipated **greater vaccine hesitancy** with the 0-11 age cohort in comparison to previous eligible populations. As a **trusted healthcare provider**, you can provide important health education surrounding this vaccine.
- Your frequent interaction with 0–4-year-olds via well-baby visits can provide clients and their families **ease of access** to the COVID-19 vaccine in a **familiar place of service**.
- NACI recommends that the Moderna Spikevax vaccine for 0–4-year-olds should not routinely be given concurrently with other routine immunizations. When offered by the client's primary health care provider, administration of the COVID-19 vaccine can be planned accordingly to **reduce the risk of disruption and delay with routine immunizations**.
- **Influenza vaccination** season is coming quickly and would be an opportune moment to offer COVID-19 vaccination to patients in your practice.

If you are interested in administering COVID-19 vaccine within your practice please visit www.durham.ca/hcp for more information or email covidvaccine@durham.ca. Please provide the following information in your email (site name and address, contact name, phone number, email address, and vaccine fridge number).

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If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

