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For Health Care Professionals



Pediatric Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Eligibility Update

The bacterium *Streptococcus pneumoniae* can cause invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD). IPD is most common in the very young, the elderly, and groups at risk due to an underlying medical, environmental, or living conditions and can cause serious illness leading to infections like pneumonia, sinusitis, meningitis or bacteremia.

Publicly Funded Pneu-C Vaccines for Children 6 weeks to 17 years

- **Vaxneuvance®** (Pneu-C-15) for those aged 6 weeks to 4 years at **low-risk** for IPD.
- **Prevnar 20®** (Pneu-C-20) for those aged 6 weeks to 17 years at **high-risk** for IPD.

NEW High-Risk Pediatric Eligibility

Children 6 weeks to 17 years who are at high risk of IPD and have previously **completed their pneumococcal 13-valent conjugate (Pneu-C-13) immunization series** are now eligible to receive **one dose of the pneumococcal 20-valent conjugate (Pneu-C-20) vaccine**.

Children at high risk of IPD who have completed a vaccine series that includes at least one dose of Pneu-C-20 do not require any additional doses.

Pneu-C-20 should be provided at a **minimum interval of 8 weeks** since the last dose of Pneu-C-13. Pneu-C-20 vaccines may be given at the same time with other vaccines, or at any time before or after other vaccines.

Eligibility for the adult pneumococcal program remains the same.

Ordering

Place orders using the [Monthly Vaccine Order Form](https://durham.ca/hcp) (durham.ca/hcp then see Forms and Order).

For further information on pneumococcal vaccines, including high-risk criteria, visit [Pneumococcal Vaccine Program](https://www.ontario.ca/page/vaccine-resources-professionals#section-5) (https://www.ontario.ca/page/vaccine-resources-professionals#section-5).

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