

Get your COVID-19 vaccine when it is available so you can get back to the activities you enjoy!

Thank you for all the sacrifices you have made over the past year. We know it's been hard missing friends, activities, school and so many of the things and people you love.

We are confident that things will return to normal soon – and you have an important role to play in making this happen.

Am I Eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine?

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized for youth aged 12-17 years old. The vaccine is free, voluntary, safe, and it works. You must be at least 12 years of age on the day of your vaccination.

Can I Consent to this Vaccine?

COVID-19 vaccines are only provided if informed consent is received from the person to be vaccinated, including those aged 12 to 17, and as long as you have the capacity to make this decision.

This means that you understand:

- what vaccination involves,
- why it is being recommended; and
- the risks and benefits of accepting or refusing to be vaccinated.

At the clinic, the healthcare provider will go through this information with you and answer any questions you have.

Even if you are able to provide informed consent, it would be a good idea to talk about this decision with your parent/guardian or an adult you trust such as your principal or a teacher.

If you are not able to consent to receiving the vaccine, you require consent from your substitute decision-maker, such as your parent or legal guardian.

Where Can I Get My Vaccine?

You **must** have an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at a clinic. To help avoid crowding and make the process as smooth as possible for everyone, we kindly ask that you arrive no more than ten minutes before your appointment time.

Youth aged 12 to 17 **must book ahead for an appointment** and can access vaccine at one of the following:

- **Special “youth clinics”** happening throughout the weeks of June 14 and 21 (clinics subject to change so check [Health Unit website](#) for updates):

North Bay

Date	Location	Time
Monday, June 14	Memorial Gardens	4p.m. – 8p.m.
Wednesday, June 16	Memorial Gardens	4p.m. – 8p.m.
Thursday, June 17	Memorial Gardens	4p.m. – 8p.m.
Saturday, June 19	Memorial Gardens	12p.m. – 6p.m.
Tuesday, June 22	Memorial Gardens	4p.m. – 8p.m.
Thursday, June 24	Memorial Gardens	4p.m. – 8p.m.
Saturday, June 26	Memorial Gardens	12p.m. – 6p.m.
Sunday, June 27	Memorial Gardens	12p.m. – 6p.m.

Parry Sound

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, June 15	Bobby Orr Arena	4p.m. – 7p.m.
Sunday, June 20	Bobby Orr Arena	12p.m. – 4p.m.
Friday, June 25	Bobby Orr Arena	4p.m. – 7p.m.

Sundridge

Date	Location	Time
Wednesday, June 16	SSJ Arena	4p.m. – 7p.m.
Monday, June 21	SSJ Arena	4p.m. – 7p.m.
Saturday, June 26	SSJ Arena	12p.m. – 4p.m.

West Nipissing

Date	Location	Time
Friday, June 18	Sturgeon Falls Arena	4p.m. – 7p.m.
Sunday, June 20	Sturgeon Falls Arena	12p.m. – 4p.m.
Wednesday, June 23	Sturgeon Falls Arena	4p.m. – 7p.m.

Mattawa

Date	Location	Time
Thursday, June 17	Mike Rodden Arena	4:30p.m. – 6p.m.
Friday, June 25	Mike Rodden Arena	4:30p.m. – 6p.m.

- **Mass immunization clinics for general population** (*call the Health Unit in advance at 1-844-478-1400 to verify availability of Pfizer BioNTech vaccine at that clinic*)
- **Local pharmacies** (*call in advance to verify availability of Pfizer BioNTech vaccine*)

You do not need to attend a clinic with a parent or guardian, but they are welcome to come with you.

How Do I Register for a Vaccine Appointment?

Booking for special “youth clinics” opens Monday, May 31 at 8a.m. A vaccine appointment can be booked by you, or with your permission, by your parent or guardian.

- If you **do** have a Health Card (OHIP) - book online at Ontario.ca/bookvaccine or call 1-833- 943-3900. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 8p.m. daily.
- If you **do not** have a Health Card (OHIP) - call 1-844-478-1400. Call Centre is open from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Second dose clinics for youth will be held the weeks of August 9th and 16th, 2021. Second dose appointment details will be provided at the end of the first dose appointment.

Why Should I Get the COVID-19 Vaccine?

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is a way that you can protect yourselves, your family, your friends and your community. Although you are less likely to experience serious illness from COVID-19, some young people do get sick and require hospitalization. Vaccines are the best way to prevent this from happening. Vaccines protect us by helping our body build immunity and decreasing our chance of spreading it to others. Millions of doses have already been given to youth worldwide and are proven to work well and be very safe.

Getting vaccinated means getting closer to the things you love doing like hanging out with friends, sports, volunteering and going to school. The faster everyone gets vaccinated, the sooner life can return to normal again.

If you have any questions, reach out to your parents, a trusted adult and/or your family doctor, pediatrician or nurse practitioner. Your [local public health unit](#) will also have accurate information regarding COVID-19 and vaccines. While there is also a lot of information on the Internet and social media, not all of it is accurate. If you are looking for information about COVID-19 vaccines, be sure to rely on trusted, expert sources. You can also learn more at Ontario.ca/COVIDYouthVaccine.