

Important Information

COVID-19 Vaccine: Youth Immunization Catch-ups



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Millions of youth aged 12 to 17 have received COVID-19 vaccines in Canada. High vaccine uptake is very important to:

- reducing the spread of the virus
- protecting people from severe illness
- ending the crisis phase of the pandemic in Canada
- helping everyone return to normal activities

To make it easier to get the COVID-19 vaccine, public health teams will begin offering a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine to youth in schools across the province starting in mid-September. Students born on or before December 31, 2009, who are missing a dose of the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine will be eligible. You will get more information before the clinic date letting you know when the COVID-19 vaccine will be offered in your child's school.

You can review information about the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine which is available online at www.manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/resources.html for more information about the risks and benefits of vaccination. Here you can also find information for persons who are immunocompromised, have an autoimmune condition, or are pregnant and/or breastfeeding.

If you would like your child to receive the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine at school, you can complete an electronic consent form that will be available before the clinic date at: <https://immunizationcard.manitoba.ca>. This consent form can be submitted online once you have registered and created a profile. For households that can't submit a consent form online, you can get a paper consent form and fact sheet from your child's school. If you complete a paper copy of the consent form, please have your child return this form to their teacher.

You can learn more about the consent process at <https://protectmb.ca/youth-covid-19-vaccines/>.

Supersites and community based pop-up clinics continue to offer the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit the Manitoba COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Finder (www.manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/finder.html) to search for locations that offer the COVID-19 vaccine in your area.

Thank you for protecting yourself, your family and your community by being immunized. You are contributing to a healthier Manitoba for all of us. More information about the youth catch-up program is available at: protectmb.ca/school-immunizations.