

**Table 1: COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility by Age**

The following guidance does not take into account COVID-19 vaccination following infection, please see Table 2 for additional information.

	Under 6 months of age	6 months to 4 years of age	5-11 years of age	12-17 years of age	18-29 years of age	30 years of age and older
<b>Eligibility</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age, based on birth date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age, based on birth date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age, based on birth date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age, based on birth date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age, based on birth date</li> </ul>
<b>Vaccine Types</b>	<b>Not Eligible for COVID Vaccine</b>	<p><b>PRIMARY SERIES (immunocompetent):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderna<sup>1</sup> monovalent (25 mcg or 0.25 mL of blue capped vaccine) (2 dose primary series)</li> <li>Pfizer monovalent (maroon cap) (3 mcg, 0.2 mL). This product requires 3 doses in the primary</li> <li>There is no preference between available vaccine products</li> </ul> <p><b>PRIMARY SERIES (immunocompromised):</b>  <b>As per NACI (Ontario guidance is pending):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderna<sup>1</sup> monovalent is preferred<sup>2</sup> for a 3 dose primary series</li> <li>If Moderna is unavailable, Pfizer monovalent may be used for a 4 dose primary series</li> </ul>	<p><b>PRIMARY SERIES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Preferred:</u> Pfizer monovalent (orange cap) (10 mcg, 0.2 mL)</li> <li>For children starting immunization at age 5, it is preferred to receive Pfizer</li> <li>Should Moderna be requested for children aged 5, Moderna<sup>1</sup> monovalent (25 mcg) may be administered with explicit informed consent</li> <li>Should Moderna be requested for individuals 6-11 years of age, Moderna<sup>1</sup> monovalent (50 mcg) may be administered with an explicit informed consent</li> <li>For children who are now 5 but started their primary series with Moderna prior to turning 5, it is recommended to complete their primary series with Moderna monovalent (age appropriate dose of 25 mcg)</li> <li>For children who started their primary series prior to age 5 with Moderna but who are now 6 years old, it is recommended to continue the series with an increased (and age appropriate) dose of Moderna monovalent (50 mcg)</li> <li>For moderately to severely immunocompromised children aged 6-11, a 50 mcg dose of Moderna<sup>1</sup> monovalent may be considered (refer to provincial guidance)</li> </ul> <p><b>BOOSTER DOSES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pfizer bivalent (10 mcg, 0.2 mL) is the only approved bivalent product for booster doses in this population.</li> <li>If Pfizer bivalent unavailable, Pfizer monovalent (10 mcg, 0.2 mL) should be used</li> </ul>	<p><b>PRIMARY SERIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Preferred:</u> Pfizer monovalent (30 mcg, 0.3 mL)</li> <li>Should Moderna be requested for individuals 12-17 years of age, Moderna monovalent (100 mcg) may be administered with an explicit informed consent</li> </ul> <p><b>BOOSTER DOSES (immunocompetent):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Preferred:</u> Pfizer bivalent (30 mcg, 0.3 mL)</li> <li>If Pfizer bivalent is unavailable, Pfizer monovalent should be used</li> <li>Should Moderna be requested for individuals 12-17 years of age, only Moderna monovalent (50 mcg) may be administered with an explicit informed consent (Moderna bivalent is ONLY approved for 18 years of age and older)</li> </ul> <p><b>BOOSTER DOSES (immunocompromised):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Preferred:</u> Pfizer bivalent (30 mcg, 0.3 mL)</li> <li>If Pfizer bivalent unavailable, Moderna Bivalent (50 mcg, 0.5 mL) may be offered for booster doses. (this is an exception and off-label, for more information see provincial guidance)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PRIMARY SERIES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Preferred:</u> Pfizer monovalent (30 mcg, 0.3 mL)</li> <li>Should Moderna be requested for individuals 18-29 years of age, Moderna monovalent may be administered with an explicit informed consent</li> <li>Moderna<sup>1</sup> monovalent (100 mcg) for primary series</li> </ul> <p><b>BOOSTER DOSES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderna bivalent (50 mcg, 0.5 mL) OR</li> <li>Pfizer bivalent (30 mcg, 0.3 mL)</li> <li>If bivalent unavailable, Pfizer monovalent (30 mcg, 0.3 mL) or Moderna<sup>1</sup> monovalent (50 mcg) may be considered</li> </ul>	<p><b>PRIMARY SERIES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any monovalent mRNA vaccine</li> <li>Pfizer monovalent (30 mcg, 0.3 mL)</li> <li>Moderna<sup>1</sup> monovalent (100 mcg)</li> </ul> <p><b>BOOSTER DOSES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderna bivalent (50 mcg, 0.5 mL) OR</li> <li>Pfizer bivalent (30 mcg, 0.3 mL)</li> <li>If bivalent unavailable, Pfizer monovalent (30 mcg, 0.3 mL) or Moderna<sup>1</sup> monovalent (50 mcg) may be considered</li> <li>For individuals 70 years of age and older; residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes or individuals in other congregate settings: If bivalent vaccine is not available, the Moderna<sup>1</sup> monovalent (100 mcg) may be preferred over other vaccine products based on clinical discretion</li> </ul>
<b>Primary Series: Intervals between dose 1 and 2</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible</li> <li>Recommended interval is 2 months (56 days) between doses (this includes between doses 2 and 3 if receiving Pfizer)</li> <li>Minimum interval of 28 days for Moderna</li> <li>Minimum interval of 21 days between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, and 56 days between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dose if receiving Pfizer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible</li> <li>Recommended interval is 2 months (56 days) between doses</li> <li>Minimum interval of 28 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible</li> <li>Recommended interval is 2 months (56 days) between doses</li> <li>Minimum interval of 28 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible</li> <li>Recommended interval is 2 months (56 days) between doses</li> <li>Minimum interval of 28 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible</li> <li>Recommended interval is 2 months (56 days) between doses</li> <li>Minimum interval of 28 days</li> </ul>

Please note the information provided is current as of the date listed as last updated, and is subject to change. Please refer to current Ontario Ministry of Health Guidance for COVID-19 vaccine information.

	Under 6 months of age	6 months to 4 years of age	5-11 years of age	12-17 years of age	18-29 years of age	30 years of age and older
<b>Primary Series: Interval between dose 2 and 3</b>  <b>* ONLY for individuals who are immuno-compromised.</b>	<b>Not Eligible for COVID vaccine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who are immunocompromised, must meet Ontario Ministry of Health definition of immunocompromised.</li> <li>If receiving Moderna for the primary series: the recommended interval is 2 months (56 days) between dose 2 and 3, the minimum interval is 28 days, this completes the primary series</li> <li>As per NACI, if receiving Pfizer use an interval of 4 to 8 weeks between each dose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only individuals who are immunocompromised, must meet Ontario Ministry of Health definition of immunocompromised, the recommended interval is 2 months (56 days) between dose 2 and 3, the minimum interval is 28 days, this completes the primary series</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only individuals who are immunocompromised, must meet Ontario Ministry of Health definition of immunocompromised, the recommended interval is 2 months (56 days) between dose 2 and 3, the minimum interval is 28 days, this completes the primary series</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only individuals who are immunocompromised, must meet Ontario Ministry of Health definition of immunocompromised, the recommended interval is 2 months (56 days) between dose 2 and 3, the minimum interval is 28 days, this completes the primary series</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only individuals who are immunocompromised, must meet Ontario Ministry of Health definition of immunocompromised, the recommended interval is 2 months (56 days) between dose 2 and 3, the minimum interval is 28 days, this completes the primary series</li> </ul>
<b>Booster doses : Intervals between previous dose and booster dose(s)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Eligible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible for a single booster dose</li> <li>Recommended interval between previous dose and booster dose(s) is 6 months (168 days), the minimum interval is 3 months (84 days)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible</li> <li>Recommended interval between previous dose and booster dose(s) is 6 months (168 days), the minimum interval is 3 months (84 days)</li> <li>For the 2022-2023 respiratory season<sup>3</sup>, the following groups are strongly recommended to receive a bivalent booster dose at least 3 months following their last dose of vaccine or since they had COVID-19 infection:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 years and older with moderately to severely immunocompromising conditions</li> <li>12 years and older with an underlying medical condition that places them at higher risk of severe COVID-19<sup>4</sup></li> <li>Residents of congregate care settings that are 12 years and older</li> <li>Adults who identify as First Nations, Inuit or Métis and their adult non-Indigenous household members</li> <li>Health Care Workers<sup>5</sup></li> <li>Pregnant People</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible</li> <li>Recommended interval between previous dose and booster dose(s) is 6 months (168 days), the minimum interval is 3 months (84 days)</li> <li>For the 2022-2023 respiratory season<sup>3</sup>, the following groups are strongly recommended to receive a bivalent booster dose at least 3 months following their last dose of vaccine or since they had COVID-19 infection:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults who identify as First Nations, Inuit or Métis and their adult non-indigenous household members</li> <li>12 years and older with moderately to severely immunocompromising conditions</li> <li>12 years and older with an underlying medical condition that places them at higher risk of severe COVID-19<sup>4</sup></li> <li>Individuals 65 years and older</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible</li> <li>Recommended interval between previous dose and booster dose(s) is 6 months (168 days), the minimum interval is 3 months (84 days)</li> <li>For the 2022-2023 respiratory season<sup>3</sup>, the following groups are strongly recommended to receive a bivalent booster dose at least 3 months following their last dose of vaccine or since they had COVID-19 infection:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults who identify as First Nations, Inuit or Métis and their adult non-indigenous household members</li> <li>12 years and older with moderately to severely immunocompromising conditions</li> <li>12 years and older with an underlying medical condition that places them at higher risk of severe COVID-19<sup>4</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Residents of congregate care settings that are 12 years and older</li> <li>○ Health Care Workers<sup>5</sup></li> <li>○ Pregnant people</li> <li>○ Adults in racialized and/or marginalized communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals 65 years and older</li> <li>○ Residents of congregate care settings that are 12 years and older</li> <li>○ Health Care Workers<sup>5</sup></li> <li>○ Pregnant people</li> <li>○ Adults in racialized and/or marginalized communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19</li> </ul>
--	--	--	--	--	---	---

<sup>1</sup>Moderna monovalent vaccine comes in different concentrations, therefore volume (i.e. mL) for dose amounts are not provided – refer to product monograph.

<sup>2</sup>The preferential recommendation for monovalent Moderna (25 mcg) is due to feasibility of series completion rather than any safety signals observed. A 4-dose primary series may have feasibility challenges, including the need to schedule 4 separate appointments and space appointments appropriately relative to other childhood vaccination appointments.

<sup>3</sup>Ontario Ministry of Health defines the 2022-2023 respiratory season as on or after September 1, 2022.

<sup>4</sup>Individuals with an underlying medical condition that places them at high risk of severe COVID-19 may include: those with cardiac or pulmonary disorders, diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases, cancer, renal disease, anemia or hemoglobinopathy, neurologic or neurodevelopmental conditions, Class 3 obesity (BMI of 40 and over).

<sup>5</sup>Health care workers are not at a higher risk of severe outcomes, unless they belong to another high-risk group. However, patient-facing health care workers who care for high-risk patients are recommended to be vaccinated to protect their vulnerable patients and all health care workers are recommended to be vaccinated to ensure health system capacity

**Table 2: Suggested COVID-19 Vaccination Intervals following COVID-19 Infection**

Infection timing relative to COVID-19 vaccination	Population	Suggested interval between infection* and vaccination
Infection prior to completion or initiation of primary vaccination series	Individuals 6 months of age and older who are not considered moderately to severely immunocompromised and with no previous history of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C)	Receive the vaccine 2 months (56 days) after symptom onset or positive test (if asymptomatic)
	Individuals 6 months of age and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and with no previous history of MIS-C	Receive the vaccine dose 1 to 2 months (28 to 56 days) after symptom onset or positive test (if asymptomatic)
	Individuals 6 months of age and older with a previous history of MIS-C (regardless of immunocompromised status)	Receive the vaccine dose when clinical recovery has been achieved or $\geq 90$ days since the onset of MIS-C, whichever is longer
Infection after primary series	Individuals currently eligible for booster dose(s)	<p>A 6-month (168 day) interval is recommended and may provide a better immune response, however, a minimum interval of 3 months (84 days) after symptom onset or positive test (if asymptomatic) may be considered in the context of heightened epidemiologic risk, as well as operational considerations for the efficient deployment of vaccine programs (NACI, 2022).</p> <p>For those individuals who fall under the High Risk group previously referenced, it is strongly recommended that they get their booster dose at a shorter interval of 3 months for the 2022-2023 respiratory season</p>

\* A previous infection with SARS-CoV-2 is defined as :

- Confirmed by molecular (e.g., PCR) or rapid antigen test; or
- Symptomatic AND a household contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case

The information on timing of vaccination post infection is provided from the Ontario Ministry of Health COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance document;  
[https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19\\_vaccine\\_administration.pdf](https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_vaccine_administration.pdf)