

BY EMAIL

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TO PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MONTRÉAL

Re: Start of COVID-19 vaccination campaign for children aged 5 to 11 years

Hello,

We are reaching a pivotal stage in the fight against COVID-19. Vaccination for children aged 5 to 11 years will begin soon. As of November 24, 2021, the vaccine will be offered in many big vaccination clinics. We invite you to book an appointment for your child right way!

To allow children aged 5 to 11 to be vaccinated, parental consent is required. Your presence as parent during the vaccination of your child at the clinic will serve as consent. When vaccinating your child, you should bring with you:

- its health insurance card (RAMQ), if available,
- its immunization record, if available.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

- **Online at [Quebec.ca/YOUTHvaccine](https://quebec.ca/YOUTHvaccine)**
(Select your child's school or a vaccination clinic near you, as you prefer.)
OR
- **Call 514-644-4545**

Our vaccination clinics – 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Clinique de vaccination de Montréal-Nord

11201, boulevard Lacordaire, Montréal (Québec) H1G 4J7

Clinique de vaccination de Saint-Laurent

300, avenue Sainte-Croix, Saint-Laurent (Québec) H4N 3K4 (previously Loblaws)

Our temporary vaccination clinics

Patro le Prévost - Clinique de vaccination Christophe-Colomb

Saturday, December 4 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 5 and 12, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Other dates and locations with and without appointment will be available during December, among others during the holiday season. Watch our Web site: www.covid-nordmtl.ca

AT SCHOOL

Dates will be reserved in our vaccination clinics for schools wishing to organize a bus service to bring their students there. Your child's school will let you know the date, if applicable. Please indicate your consent or refusal by returning the attached form to your school as soon as possible, by November 30.

To receive their vaccine, your child will need:

- the attached consent form signed by one of the parents (**mandatory**)
- its health insurance card (RAMQ), if available
- its immunization record, if available

THE VACCINE IS EFFECTIVE AND SAFE FOR 5- TO 11-YEAR OLDS.

As parents, we want what is best for our kids, and it's normal to feel a bit hesitant about getting them vaccinated. We want to reassure you that the COVID-19 vaccine is very effective in this age group and very safe. Before being authorized for use in Québec, the vaccine was carefully evaluated and very large-scale high-quality studies were conducted. Here are a few important elements to consider:

- COVID-19 can have serious, long-lasting consequences such as memory loss, respiratory problems and fatigue, even in children. The vaccine offers very effective protection against this illness.
- By protecting our kids, we also protect adults around them, yourself as parent, and grand-parents, who are more vulnerable. Everyone is better protected.
- Giving children aged 5 to 11 years two doses of vaccine greatly reduces the spread of the virus in our communities. Then all social and school activities can finally return to normal.
- **The vaccine is free and accessible to everyone**, even people who don't have health insurance cards.

If you have any questions, talk to your family doctor, a pharmacist or other health professional. You can also call **514-644-4545** to get answers to your questions.

Your cooperation is essential. Together, let's end the pandemic!

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