

## COVID-19 -Get Vaccinated So We Can Curb this Scourge

- Pediatric vaccines are now available for children ages 5 to 11. [Register your child](#) now and book an appointment at one of Island Health's child-friendly clinics.
- While children are at a lower risk of severe disease from COVID-19, it can still result in serious outcomes in some children, including hospitalization and long-term symptoms. It is recommended that children aged 5 to 11 get vaccinated. It is the best protection for children and for all of us.
- The pediatric vaccine will be provided at Island Health clinics, not in schools or pharmacies.
- Island Health is finalizing a schedule to visit rural and remote communities in January for 'whole community' clinics to immunize eligible adults, youth and children.
- Invitations for booster doses are being sent to those age 70+ and Indigenous peoples 18+ who are 6-8 months past their second dose.
- Starting in January, people 18+ will be invited to book a booster dose 6-8 months after their second dose. You must wait until you receive an invitation and then schedule an appointment.
- Some pharmacies are now offering COVID-19 vaccines, and more are being added in the coming weeks. Appointments are required and can be booked online alongside [health authority vaccine clinics](#).
- While appointments are strongly recommended for everyone, health authority vaccine clinics have drop-in availability for first doses for people 12 and up. Please make an appointment for children aged 5-11, second doses, third doses, and booster shots. Visit [getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca) or call 1-833-838-2323 to register and book.
- To help us avoid clinic congestion please do not arrive more than 5 minutes early for your appointment
- Compared to fully vaccinated people, those who are unvaccinated are 8 times more likely to test positive for COVID-19, 32 times more likely to go to hospital and 20 times more likely to die from COVID-19.