

# Public Service Announcement

## COVID-19 vaccine boosters available for those aged 5 to 11

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## Nunavut-wide

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The Government of Nunavut's Department of Health, in response to recent guidance from the National Advisory Committee on immunizations, has begun offering COVID-19 booster shots to all Nunavummiut aged 5 to 11. The booster is available to those who received the second dose of their vaccine six months or more ago.

Recent evidence has shown that vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19 infections decreases over time. Booster doses of COVID-19 vaccines can further enhance or restore protection that might have decreased after your primary series of your vaccination. Protection against severe infection, hospitalization or death, is better after a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Evidence suggests that Canada will see a new wave of COVID-19 infections as the days get colder and people spend more time indoors, making it easier for the virus to spread. Nunavummiut can prepare for a potential increase in COVID-19 cases this winter by staying up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations.

The COVID-19 vaccine is still strongly recommended even if you had a COVID-19 infection as immunity decreases over time. To maximize the immune response after your COVID-19 infection, you must wait eight weeks from when your symptoms started, or you tested positive to get vaccinated.

Appointments for first, second or booster doses are still available for all [eligible Nunavummiut](#) and can be made by calling your local health centre or Public Health unit.

If you have questions about the vaccine, call the COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday, or visit [www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-vaccination](https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-vaccination).

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