



"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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RCDHU Hosted First Dedicated COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for Children Aged 5 to 11

Today, marked the launch of designated COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children aged 5 to 11. Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) was excited to host the first children's only clinic across Renfrew County and District (RCD) at 141 Lake Street in Pembroke.

"RCDHU and partners will be offering clinics across RCD to ensure residents have the greatest access to the COVID-19 vaccine," states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU. "Getting the COVID-19 vaccine will help keep children and youth safe from serious side effects of the COVID-19 virus. It will also help avoid disruptions in their everyday lives, helping to reduce potential absences from school, sports, or other activities that they enjoy," continues Dr. Cushman.

There has been great interest in the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine. To accommodate the high demand, many more appointments will be added to the booking site next week for the month of December. Please continue to monitor RCDHU's website and social media for upcoming information on clinic dates, locations, and additional appointments.

Residents are advised to book an appointment online as this is the fastest way. Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist if they are unable to book online themselves. To book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment visit the [COVID-19 & Influenza Vaccine Bookings Link](#). Please also complete a [COVID-19 Vaccine Children/Youth \(Age 5-17\) Consent Form](#).

Residents are also encouraged to contact their local pharmacy to book a COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 to 11 years of age. For select pharmacies offering the COVID-19 vaccine for this age group, visit [Pharmacy Locations Offering the COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Aged 5-11](#).

If you have questions or concerns about the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine, visit the [SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#) to connect with a Registered Nurse over the phone. For more information on this age group, visit [RCDHU's Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\): COVID-19 Vaccines for Children 5-11](#).

For more information visit RCDHU's website at: <https://www.rcdhu.com/> or call 613-732-3629.

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