

BY EMAIL

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To parents of elementary students in Montréal in the territory of the CIUSSS de l'Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal

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

Dear Parent:

We are reaching a pivotal stage in the fight against COVID-19. Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 will begin soon. Starting on November 24, 2021, the vaccine will be provided in our schools as well as at many large vaccination clinics. We invite you to book an appointment for your child right way!

Note that only children between the ages of 5 and 11 will be vaccinated at school; we will not be vaccinating older children.

You can book an appointment:

- **Online at Quebec.ca/YOUTHvaccine**
- **If you wish for your child to receive the vaccine at their school, please use the Clic Santé School Platform clients3.clicsante.ca/67022/take-appt**
Select any time slot on the day identified for your school. Do not forget to sign the consent form attached at the end of this letter, and to hand it back to your child's school.
- **If you prefer for your child to be vaccinated at a vaccination site, you can do so via the Clic Santé Vaccination Platform (portal3.clicsante.ca)**
At our large vaccination clinic located at the Olympic Stadium, you can accompany your child for their appointment at all time.
- **By phone at 1 833 703-1973**

The vaccine is effective and safe for 5- to 11-year-olds.

As parents, you want what is best for your children, and it is normal to feel a bit hesitant about getting them vaccinated. We want to reassure you that the COVID-19 vaccine is very effective and very safe for this age group. Before being authorized for use in Quebec, the vaccine was carefully evaluated during very high-quality large-scale studies. Here are a few important aspects to consider:

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- 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 your children, you are also protecting yourself as parents and other adults, such as grandparents, who are more vulnerable. Everyone is better protected.
- Giving children aged 5 to 11 two doses of vaccine will greatly reduce the spread of the virus in our communities, which means that 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.

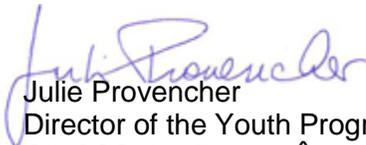
If you need more information, talk to your family doctor, a pharmacist or other health professional. You can also call **514 644-4545** to get answers to your questions.

Vaccination always requires your consent. If you choose to have your child vaccinated at school, please fill out the following consent form via this link, print it, and return it to your school: [Consent to vaccination](#).

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



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