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Public Notice: COVID-19 vaccines for children 6 months to 5 years of age

As recommended by Chief Public Health Officer, Moderna's Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine is now available to children 6 months to 5 years of age in the NWT.

Parents and guardians who wish to have their children vaccinated are encouraged to call the Hay River Public Health office at 874-8400 to book an appointment. Vaccine Clinics are being offered every other Friday and the next appointment availability is Friday, August 19th.

Information on COVID-19 Vaccines for Parents and Guardians

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and provide good protection against severe illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19.
- Most children with COVID-19 have mild disease or no symptoms at all; however, some children who are [moderately to severely immunocompromised](#) get severe disease and need to be hospitalized. (Ideally, we would like to offer to this group who are at highest risk for burden of disease).
- The [Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccine](#) has been approved by Health Canada for children 6 months to 5 years of age.
- Young children get a much smaller dose of the same Moderna vaccine used for youth and adults. The 6 month to 5 year old Moderna vaccine is a different concentration.
- Side effects of COVID-19 vaccines are usually mild and similar to other childhood immunizations. Serious side effects are very rare.
- Children 6 months to 5 years of age need 2 doses of the Moderna vaccine to complete their primary (initial) series.
- The second dose is offered 8 weeks after the first.
- If your child was recently sick with COVID infection or COVID like symptoms, they can get the vaccine 8 weeks after their symptoms or they tested positive for COVID-19.

Stay well, stay safe and let's all do our part to protect our community!

Thank you.