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Children aged six months to five years eligible for COVID-19 vaccine

FREDERICTON (GNB) – Appointments can now be booked for children between the ages of six months and five years to receive their first dose of the Moderna Spikevax mRNA vaccine against COVID-19.

These vaccination appointments begin the first week of August.

Children aged five to 11 have been eligible for a Pfizer vaccine approved for that age group since last November.

Appointments for children aged two or older may be scheduled through <u>a participating</u> <u>pharmacy</u> or through a regional health authority's <u>online booking system</u>.

Appointments for children under two must be scheduled through a regional health authority's <u>online booking system</u>.

Children under the age of 16 must have the consent of a parent or guardian to be vaccinated. A consent form <u>is available online</u> and at the clinics.

"Since the beginning, vaccination has been a crucial way to protect individuals from the most severe impacts of COVID-19 and to help protect others," said Dr. Yves Léger, acting deputy chief medical officer of health. "COVID-19 is still with us, and, as children return to normal activities in the fall that are important to their growth and development, vaccination will be one more way that they can be protected."

Parents or guardians can schedule an appointment by using the online booking system or by calling 1-833-437-1424.