

# Attn: Ontario primary health-care providers

There continues to be a need for enhanced vaccination uptake amongst youth aged 12-17 and their families. The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) offers support for paediatric patients in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) with specialized needs to ensure patients and families have access to a youth-friendly environment that aims to reduce stress while receiving a COVID-19 vaccination.

If your patient requires accommodations due to medical complexity, developmental disorder or mobility, communication, behavioural or other specialized needs, including significant needle phobia, SickKids can coordinate their COVID-19 vaccination appointment and offer specialized services including drive-through vaccination and the availability of Child Life Specialists and paediatric vaccinators.

Referrals will be accepted for patients residing in the GTA and can be sent to [mobile.vaccination@sickkids.ca](mailto:mobile.vaccination@sickkids.ca) via secure email. Be sure to include the patient's:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Contact information
- Any special considerations or accommodations that need to be in place for the patient

A member of the SickKids COVID-19 Mobile Vaccination team will reach out directly to the patient's family to book an appointment.

In addition, we have the capacity to offer a medical consultation with a paediatric vaccination expert to address any hesitancy, misinformation or vaccination questions. Further information will be available in coming weeks and we will reach out with updates.

For referrals and questions, please contact [mobile.vaccination@sickkids.ca](mailto:mobile.vaccination@sickkids.ca).



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