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COVID-19 vaccination

Vaccination begins for children aged 5 to 11

Saint-Jérôme, November 24, 2021 – Making an appointments for COVID-19 vaccination, for children aged 5 to 11, is now possible. The region's vaccination sites have all been transformed to accommodate families in an environment that is fun, warm and adapted to children.

As a reminder, vaccination for this group was decided after Health Canada announced the approval of the Pfizer vaccine for children in the target group and the Comité sur l'immunisation du Québec also published an opinion recommending the vaccine for all children aged 5 to 11 for whom there is no contraindications. The recommended interval between the two doses is eight or more weeks.

"All children aged 5 to 11 in the Laurentians, whose parents give their consent, will have the opportunity to receive a first dose before the Holidays. The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) des Laurentides vaccination teams have worked very hard for several weeks to get everything ready and to make vaccination a positive experience for children. Decorations, costume accessories for staff, colourful wall stickers etc., everything has been planned for", said Ms. Rosemonde Landry, President and Executive Director of the CISSS des Laurentides, who is particularly proud of the preparations for this campaign.

In-school vaccination will also be offered starting November 29 for children aged 5 to 11. Details will be sent to parents by the various School boards, centres de services scolaires and private schools in the region.

Information tools to support the parents in their decision about getting their child vaccinated are now available on our website at <https://www.santelaurentides.gouv.qc.ca>.

An informative video about what takes place during a appointment at vaccination sites is now available in French, and will be available in English soon.

To book an appointment online visit <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/progress-of-the-covid-19-vaccination> or use the NotifVAX mobile app. If you are without internet access or have difficulty using the internet, call 1-877-644-4545 for support. A free shuttle service is also available in the region for people with reduced mobility and needing accompaniment or people without transportation. To request this service, call 1-866-495-5833.

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