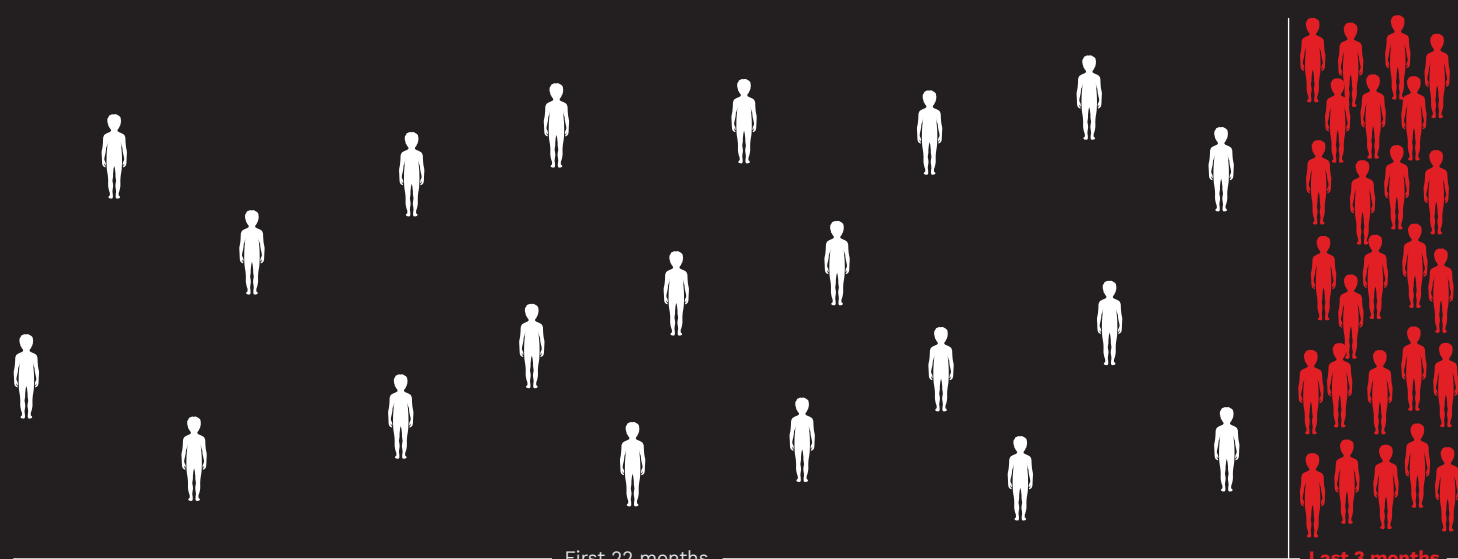
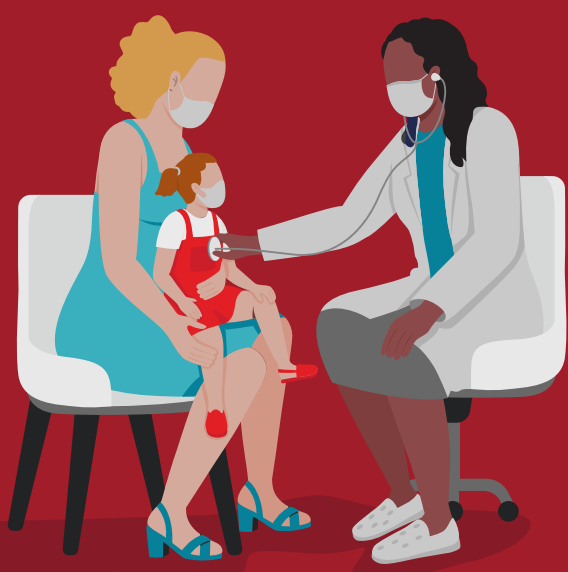


# Childhood vaccination is critical for Omicron and beyond



**56%** of COVID-related **pediatric hospitalizations** have occurred in the past **three months**, during the peak of the Omicron wave<sup>1</sup>.



Many people think COVID is harmless in children, but

## COVID can have devastating effects for kids.

Children can develop **multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C)**, **myocarditis**, **pericarditis**, **long COVID** and can even **die** following a SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Despite these risks, pediatric vaccinations, which remain the best way of protecting children from COVID-19, remain low across Canada.

**Only 57%**

of children between the ages of 5 and 11 have received at least one dose of the vaccine to date<sup>2</sup>. In contrast, 88% of 12- to 17-year olds have received at least one dose<sup>2</sup>.



## The COVID pediatric vaccine is safe.

Approximately **95%** of children reported experiencing **no symptoms** beyond temporary pain, redness and swelling at the injection site within 7 days of their vaccine<sup>3</sup>.



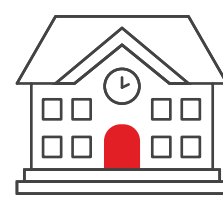
## Vaccination provides other benefits as well



**Protecting** against severe outcomes



**Strengthening immunity** in children with previous SARS-CoV-2 infection



Allowing for **normalcy** that supports healthy child development

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