

2009 Birth Year Vaccination Eligible Key Messages

- All children aged 12 and older are able to receive the Pfizer COVID 19 vaccine.
- The Government of Saskatchewan is now permitting anyone who is turning 12 this year to receive a vaccination. That means anyone born in 2009 is eligible even if their birth date is later this year.
- As children and teachers and staff prepare to head back to school it's important for all those who are eligible to receive vaccinations to protect themselves and those around them.
- Consent for the vaccination will need to be given by parents.
- Watch for local pop up clinics for opportunities to get vaccinated. Vaccinations can also be booked through participating pharmacies. Visit [Saskatchewan.ca/covid-19-vaccine](https://saskatchewan.ca/covid-19-vaccine)

Questions and Answers

Q. When will this age eligibility change come into effect?

A. This is effective immediately. Please be patient if trying to book a vaccination as this is a new addition and it may require some process and IT changes for the immunizers.

Q. Is parental consent required for the 11 year olds who are turning 12 this year?

A. Yes, parental consent is required for all 11 year olds for immunizations. This may be done verbally if the parent is with the child. If the immunization is done through the school a form will be sent home for a parent to sign.

Q. Is the vaccine safe for 11 year olds?

A. Yes, the Pfizer vaccine is approved for use in younger adolescents and is safe and effective.

Q. Are other provinces doing this?

A. Many jurisdictions have begun to offer vaccination by year of birth rather than relying only on a date of birth.

Q. Where can my 11 year old who was born in 2009 get vaccinated?

A. Watch for pop up clinics in locations around the province. Vaccinations are also available at participating pharmacies.

Q. When will younger children born in 2010 or later be able to get a vaccination?

A. We are expecting guidance from Health Canada later this fall regarding vaccinations for younger children.

Q. Will there be vaccination clinics in schools again?

A. Yes, there will be clinics available through some schools. Information will be made available when clinics are scheduled.

Q. Will vaccinations be made mandatory?

A. COVID vaccinations are the best way to protect you and your family and are strongly encouraged. The statistics show that the highest percentage of people who are seriously ill in hospital or ICU are unvaccinated or only partially vaccinated.