

Children's disABILITY Services

Question & Answers about Vaccines for Children and Youth

Where can I bring my child to get vaccinated against COVID-19?

The vaccine is available for Manitobans of all ages at partner pharmacies and medical clinics, immunization clinics including super sites, urban Indigenous clinics, pop-up community clinics as well as it will be offered in schools. Use the interactive map at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/finder.html to find the location most convenient for your family.

Appointments at immunization clinics can be booked [online](#) or by calling 1-844-626-8222.

My child uses a wheelchair and we do not have a way to get to the appointment. What can we do?

Please contact your Community Service Worker regarding assistance with accessible transportation.

What do I do if I need accommodations at an immunization clinic such as a super-site?

Accommodations may be provided at most immunization clinics to help ease the vaccination process. Please identify your concerns to the site navigator when you arrive so they can help you problem solve any potential issues.

[Urban Indigenous clinics](#) provide accessible and culturally-safe spaces for First Nations (status and non-status), Metis and Inuit peoples. They may offer child minding or children's activity kits to support parents who may not be able to make other arrangements, when possible. An Elder or traditional Knowledge Keeper will be at sites regularly, and traditional ceremony, smudging and traditional medicines may also be offered.

I am worried about managing by myself at the appointment since I have no available informal supports. Can I bring my respite worker to help me manage?

Yes, if you are worried about behaviour or other barriers during the vaccine appointment, CDS may fund up to 3 hours for a support worker to accompany you to the vaccine appointment, if there are no informal supports available or suitable. All current PPE requirements should be followed during the travel to and from the appointment, as well as at the clinic. Please contact your Community Service Worker to discuss your need for this support.

I am worried about the vaccine. Is it safe?

Health Canada has approved the Pfizer vaccines for children and youth. For more information on vaccines including about safety and efficacy, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/faq.html.

Please contact your child or youth's health provider if you have additional questions about the COVID-19 vaccines, including their suitability for your child.

What kind of identification do I need to book an appointment for my child?

To book online you need your health card and an email address. Remember to bring your child's Manitoba health card or health card numbers, or other form of identification (in the absence of a Manitoba Health Card). If no identification is available, the child will still be able to receive their vaccination.

The [Vaccination Appointment Checklist](#) can help you prepare for the appointment.