

VIA EMAIL

November 24, 2021

To parents of elementary school students within the territory of the Montréal West Island CIUSSS:

RE: Start of COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 5 to 11 years old at the Lester B. Pearson School Board (LBPSB)

Hello,

We are coming to a crucial step in our fight against COVID-19. The vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 years old will be starting shortly on the territory of the Montréal West Island CIUSSS. There are a number of ways for parents to get vaccinated their children vaccinated. As of November 24, 2021, vaccinations will be available at our community vaccination sites. And as of December 1, 2021, vaccination will be offered in our schools.

COMMUNITY VACCINATION SITES (as of November 24)

- Appointment times reserved for children will be available at all of our community vaccination sites **as of November 24 (an appointment is required)**.
- Activities are planned at community vaccination sites during these reserved times, including zotherapy, motivational support, cartoons, and colouring activities, all to make the experience a positive one for community children.

Schedule: From Monday to Thursday, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Contact Information

These are the community vaccination sites within our territory:

- **Gerry Robertson Community Centre** (9665 Gouin Blvd. W., Pierrefonds/Roxboro, corner of Sunnybrooke, H8Y 1R4)
- **Centre sportif Dollard-St-Laurent** (707 75th Avenue, LaSalle, corner of boulevard De La Vérendrye, H8R 3Y2)

How to make an appointment

We encourage to make an appointment now!

- Online at [Québec.ca/YOUTHvaccine](https://quebec.ca/YOUTHvaccine) OR__
- By calling 514-644-4545

VACCINATION IN SCHOOLS (as of December 1)
Lester B. Pearson School Board (LBPSB)

1560 Sherbrooke St. E., Montréal, QC H2L 4M1
Telephone: 514-528-2400

- Please note that you are free to accompany your child to their appointment.
- **One parent** can accompany the child on the day of their vaccination.

How to make an appointment

(Please note)

There are two ways of reserving an appointment at **LBPSB** schools.

1. **If you wish to accompany** your child when they are vaccinated:
<https://clients3.clicsante.ca/67104>
2. **If you do not wish to accompany** your child when they are vaccinated:
<https://clients3.clicsante.ca/67089>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Vaccination is safe and effective for children aged 5 to 11 years old.

As parents, we want what is best for our children, and it's normal to feel a bit hesitant about getting them vaccinated. We want to reassure you that the COVID-19 vaccine is very effective in this age group and is very safe. Before being authorized for use in Québec, the vaccine was rigorously evaluated and high-quality, large-scale studies were done. Here are a few important elements to consider:

- Even in children, COVID-19 can have serious long-term consequences, including concentration impairment, respiratory issues, and fatigue. The vaccine provides very effective protection against this illness.
- By protecting our children, we are also protecting the adults around them, including parents and grandparents, who are more vulnerable. Everyone is better protected.
- Children aged 5 to 11 years old who receive two doses have a far smaller change of transmitting the virus within our community, finally allowing school and social activities to return to normal.
- **Vaccination is free and available to everyone**, even those who do not have a health insurance card.

If you have any questions, please speak with your family physician, a pharmacist, or other healthcare professional. You can also call **514-644-4545** to ask questions.

Your cooperation is essential. Together, let's put an end to this pandemic!



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