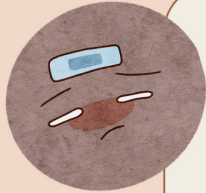


COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

MYTHS - 15 - FACTS



MYTH:

COVID-19 is always mild in children

FACT:

COVID-19 is not like a regular cold virus and children can rarely experience severe disease, hospitalization, or death. Most children in Canada who have been admitted to hospital for COVID-19 were previously healthy and without underlying medical conditions

MYTH:

The ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are dangerous

FACT:

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and meet Health Canada's rigorous scientific standards for safety and manufacturing quality. More than 5.5 billion people have been vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines around the world, with more than 13 billion doses administered



MYTH:

COVID-19 vaccine interacts with the DNA of my kids

FACT:

COVID-19 vaccines do not affect or interact with your child's DNA. Vaccines teach your child's immune system to recognize the virus and protect your child's body from a future infection

MYTH:

I can get COVID-19 from vaccines

FACT:

Because the authorized COVID-19 vaccines in Canada contain only a small portion of the virus that causes COVID-19, the vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19



MYTH:

COVID-19 vaccines are not safe because they were developed rapidly

FACT:

mRNA vaccines have been studied for other conditions such as cancer prevention for over a decade. The COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in Canada went through all of the normal regulatory processes prior to being approved or use



MYTH:

COVID-19 vaccines will affect my kid's fertility

FACT:

COVID-19 vaccines do not affect kid's fertility

MYTH:

COVID-19 vaccines create new variants of the virus

FACT:

Vaccines do not cause variants. Instead, COVID-19 vaccines can help prevent new variants from emerging

MYTH:

COVID-19 vaccination causes more severe side effects than infection

FACT:

Evidence shows that severe side effects resulting from COVID-19 vaccines are very rare. Conversely, short and long-term consequences in children are more common after infection

