

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: OFFICIAL ENCOURAGES COVID-19 VACCINE FOR KIDS

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Dr. Hamidah Meghani, Halton Region's Medical Officer Health, recently released a video update encouraging parents to get their kids — aged 5 to 11 — vaccinated against COVID-19.

Among the reasons, Meghani said that COVID-19 incidence rates have trended higher among those under 20 this fall.

"This represents hundreds of COVID-19 cases among Halton children just in the past few months," she said.

While most children have milder symptoms compared to adults, she



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DR. HAMIDAH MEGHANI

noted that it's difficult to predict who may experience more severe symptoms and become seriously ill.

There are more than 50,000 unvaccinated children aged 5 to 11, according to Meghani.

Citing recent data, she said the risk of getting COVID-19 was seven times

higher among those unvaccinated and the risk of being hospitalized was 24 times higher in comparison to vaccinated people.

"Vaccination can help prevent or reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community," she said.

As for the weekly COVID-19 cases, the region's website shows that from Nov. 19 to 25 there were 150 new cases, up from 114 the previous week. One new death was reported in Milton.

As of Nov. 26, the number of active COVID-19 cases stood at 134 — with 60 cases in Burlington, 40 in Oakville, 26 in Milton, and eight in Halton Hills. There have been 20,343 cases of COVID-19 during the pandemic, with 19,965 marked as resolved and 244 deaths.



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