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Dear School Community

Re: COVID-19 Youth Vaccination

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be our best protection against COVID-19 and its variants. During the weeks of June 14 and June 21 we are focussed on getting as many youth, 12 to 17 years of age vaccinated with their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. In order for youth to be eligible for their first dose of the vaccine they must have celebrated their 12th birthday.

We encourage youth and their families who have not yet been vaccinated, to book an appointment on the [provincial booking system](#), or attend a local pop-up clinic in your community. Getting vaccinated during this 2 week period will allow youth to receive their 2nd dose of the vaccine prior to return to in person learning in September 2021.

When enough people are vaccinated, and the number of COVID-19 cases goes down, we will be able to get back to the activities we enjoy, including in person learning, social gatherings and extracurricular activities. However, until enough individuals in the population are vaccinated, it is important to continue to follow public health measures, such as physical distancing, wearing a mask and washing your hands.

COVID-19 Vaccination Town Hall for School Communities

We would like to invite school communities including parents/guardians, youth and education workers to a COVID-19 Vaccination Town Hall to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine on:

Thursday, June 17, 2021

6:30pm to 7:30pm.

No registration required.

[Click here to join online](#)

Online password (if required): Toronto123

Or join by telephone:

416-915-6530

Access code: 177 192 3860

Information on the COVID-19 Vaccine

Some helpful resources on Youth vaccinations include:

- TPH's [COVID-19 Vaccines](#) webpage with more information on [children and vaccines](#)
- TPH's [COVID-19 Vaccine Resources](#) website for more information on the vaccine, including posters and infographics available in multiple languages.
- TPH [COVID-19 Vaccine Resource List for Youth](#).
- We have also added a COVID-19 Vaccine Tab on our [school web page](#), and [parent web page](#).
- Children's COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Table www.kidshealthfirst.ca

If you, or any member of your household has [Covid-19 symptoms](#), please stay-home, self-isolate and go for [testing](#).

Please continue to visit our website at: www.toronto.ca/COVID19 to stay up-to-date. Information specific to school communities is available at: [COVID-19 school information for parents & caregivers](#). If you have general questions about COVID-19, please call our Hotline at 416-338-7600, Monday-Sunday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM. Interpretation services are available. If you need immediate health care assistance, please call Telehealth Ontario 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-866-797-0000.

Sincerely,



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