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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Re: Youth Mobile Vaccine Clinics

The City of Toronto has expanded its mobile vaccination operations to increase access to vaccines in focused areas with lower vaccine uptake. This includes bringing vaccines directly to schools, workplaces, faith groups, organizations and communities that may experience barriers to vaccination.

TPH is working with schools and school boards to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines in school communities by offering mobile vaccine clinics for youth born in 2009 or earlier in neighbourhoods where vaccine uptake has been low. COVID-19 vaccines continue to be our best protection against COVID-19 and its more transmissible variants.

Informed Consent

Youth are encouraged to talk about the benefits and risks of getting the vaccine with a parent or trusted adult. Consent from parents/caregiver may not be needed for children over the age of 12 if the young person is capable to make the decision. This means the young person must understand information about the vaccine, why it is being recommended and what will happen if they accept or refuse vaccination. For more information, please see our fact sheet on the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine – Youth age 12 to 17](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine for Youth \(Age 12 to 17\)](#).

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.

Thank you for all that you are doing to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Sincerely,



Nicole Welch
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