

May 28, 2021

Letter to parents and families:

Save the date for COVID-19 vaccine clinics for youth and families!

Specially dedicated COVID-19 vaccine clinics are being planned for youth aged 12 and over at the time of immunization and their families. Public Health Sudbury & Districts is working with area school boards, and First Nations and urban Indigenous partners to plan clinics for three weeks beginning the week of June 7. This is part of the province-wide initiative to offer youth two doses of COVID-19 vaccine before the start of the 2021/22 school year.

You will soon receive detailed information about how to access these clinics. For now, we want to share that there will be vaccine waiting for you at a clinic coming up soon. So please stay tuned for more!

Some details we can share now include:

- The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective.
- We are planning specific clinics for youth whether they are learning remotely or in person.
- There will be daytime clinics for youth and families. These clinics will occur in one of two ways:
 - school-based appointment blocks with free transportation to and from clinics or,
 - through booking into local mass clinics where individuals must arrange their own transportation.
- As needed, there will also be evening clinics for youth and families who cannot attend during the day.

Vaccines are the most effective tool we have to protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19. If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines, please review the resource materials attached to this letter. Parents and caregivers play a key role in helping youth make an informed decision about vaccination.

We are very excited about the youth and family COVID-19 vaccine initiative. This is an important part of Public Health Sudbury & Districts' vaccination program rollout and another step forward for our entire community! We look forward to seeing you there.

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Please stay tuned for more clinic dates and details and thank you for your ongoing patience.

If you need help in answering any questions, please feel free to reach out to Public Health Sudbury & Districts. For more information or if you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit phsd.ca/COVID-19 or call the Public Health Sudbury & Districts information line at 705.522.9200 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200). Public Health will return all calls received; however, at times, inquiry volumes are high.

Sincerely,

Dr. Penny Sutcliffe

Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

COVID-19 vaccine resources:

Factsheet for parents and youth on the COVID-19 vaccine (PDF, 164 KB)

Frequently asked question about the COVID-19 vaccines (Public Health Sudbury & Districts)

COVID-19 vaccine information sheet: for youth age 12-17 (Ontario Ministry of Health)

What youth need to know about their appointment (Ontario Ministry of Health)

<u>COVID-19 Vaccine Quick Facts Videos</u> (a video series with public health nurse Natalie who answers many questions on the COVID-19 vaccine)

COVID-19 How vaccines are developed (Health Canada) [ENG & FR]

How do vaccines work? (Science North, English only)