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Dear Families:

**Re: Access to COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics for Children 5 to 11 Years of Age**

Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH) acknowledges that the past two years have been difficult for families, and we recognize the many challenges that COVID-19 has created. We want to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in helping to keep schools open and safe for in-person learning.

Children aged 5 to 11 years are eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccination. The COVID-19 vaccine adds another layer of protection against the virus. COVID-19 vaccines are safe for children and youth and decrease the risk of getting COVID-19 and developing related severe illness. It is also important for the protection of our youngest children (0 to 4 years of age), who are not yet eligible for vaccine protection. Children cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.

There are many ways to access a COVID-19 vaccine clinic in the HPEPH region, to ensure eligible children aged 5 to 11 years have access to vaccines as soon as possible.

1. **School clinics after school hours** – Vaccine clinics are being offered in some schools, after school hours with parents present. Visit [hpepublichealth.ca/vaccine-booking](http://hpepublichealth.ca/vaccine-booking) for a list of upcoming school clinics. More after school locations may be added in the coming weeks.
2. **Community COVID-19 clinics** – Vaccine clinics are offered in several locations across the HPEPH region. Visit [hpepublichealth.ca/vaccine-booking](http://hpepublichealth.ca/vaccine-booking) for a list of community clinics. Walk-in appointments are accepted at most clinics - please check the website for details.
3. **Pop up clinics** – Vaccine clinics are offered in alternate locations throughout the HPEPH region, as resources allow. Visit [hpepublichealth.ca/vaccine-booking](http://hpepublichealth.ca/vaccine-booking) for any upcoming pop-up clinics. Walk-ins are welcome at these clinics.
4. Ask your **health care provider** if they are delivering the COVID-19 vaccine in their office, and if possible, book an appointment.
5. Visit your **local pharmacy**. Pharmacies offering the COVID-19 vaccine are listed at [covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations](http://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations).

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**If you would like your child vaccinated and none of the options above work for your family, please complete the attached consent form and send it back to your child's school in a sealed envelope, by Wednesday February 16, 2022.**

**[COVID-19 Vaccine Children/Youth \(Age 5-17\) Consent Form](#)**

HPEPH staff will review the form and contact you directly to see how we can support you in accessing the COVID-19 vaccine for your child(ren). All consent forms will be kept confidential.

If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, please review the information provided in the links below to ensure that you are making an informed decision. If you have questions or concerns, contact your Health Care Provider or book a consultation with the [Sick Kids Hospital COVID-19 Vaccine Consultation Service](#).

- **[COVID-19 Vaccine Children/Youth \(Age 5 to 17 Years\) Consent Form](#)**
- **[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet: For Children \(Aged 5 to 11 Years\)](#)**
- **[What you Need to Know about your COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment](#)**
- **[COVID-19 Vaccines for Child and Youth](#)**
- **[Sick Kids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#)**

Children under the age of 18 years who cannot receive vaccinations safely at their doctor's office, a vaccination clinic, or pharmacy due to anxiety disorders, needle phobia, or developmental and behavioural disorders can receive their vaccine at a specialized immunization clinic at Children's Outpatient Clinic at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston. These clinics require referral by a health care provider or community agency.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming after-school, community, or mobile vaccination clinic.

-Hastings Prince Edward Public Health