

June 1, 2021

Dear Superintendents of Public school districts and Principals of Independent schools,

RE: BC Government’s COVID-19 immunization program for young people aged 12-17

Along with the announcement that youth aged 12-17 (born in 2009 or earlier) are eligible for COVID-19 vaccine, the Minister of Health has requested health authorities provide increased vaccination opportunities for this age group.

In addition to accommodating youth at established clinics, Northern Health teams may be reaching out to select school leadership teams to determine the practicability of a school-based option, as noted in the accompanying letter to parents/guardians:

In some communities, clinics will be organized with the schools. Find your community on the Northern Health COVID-19 Vaccine Plan webpage for more information.

To receive feedback and answer questions, Northern Health is scheduling two Microsoft Teams meetings for School Superintendents (or delegated Senior Staff) to be chaired by Dr. Rakel Kling, Medical Health Officer, and Mike Gagel, Regional Manager, Communicable Disease:

- Thursday, June 3, 2021 from 4:00-5:00pm - [Click here to join the meeting](#) or by calling 1-778-764-0241 Passcode: 668 348 339#
- Friday, June 4, 2021 from 8:00-9:00am - [Click here to join the meeting](#) or by calling 1-778-764-0241 Passcode: 929 272 771#

Please email the accompanying PDF letter “**06 01 2021 COVID-19 Immunization Letter to Parents-Guardians**” to parents and guardians of children in Grades 7-12, and post it on school websites.

Sincerely,



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