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## **IMPORTANT UPDATE: Precisions on vaccination for 5 to 11 years old**

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well.

### **DETAILS: Vaccination for 5 to 11 year olds**

As you know, the COVID-19 vaccination campaign for children aged 5 to 11 is underway. In this regard, we would like to provide the following clarifications.

- Vaccination clinics will be set up in certain schools within our Board. Their operation hours will be in the evenings and on weekends, outside of school hours.
- Parental consent is required, both when making the appointment and during the administration of the vaccine.

For more information on immunization, we invite you to consult the various documents prepared by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario and the public health unit in the area where you live:

- The Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario has written a letter to parents and guardians, which you can read via [this link](#). A variety of information about the vaccination of children and youth is available for consultation by [following this link](#).
- Eastern Ontario Health Unit (Eastern Schools): A document on preparing children for their vaccine is available [at this link](#). Parents looking for details on vaccination clinics can consult [this document](#).
- Ottawa Public Health (Ottawa schools): Details regarding appointment scheduling, nearby vaccination clinics and referrals are available by [following this link](#).
- Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health Unit (Western Schools): Web resources are available by [following this link](#).
- Hastings Public Health Unit, Prince Edward (Western Schools): Web resources are available by [following this link](#).
- Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Public Health Unit (Western Schools): A [letter to parents](#) and web resources are available by [following this link](#).
- Renfrew Public Health Unit (Western Schools): Residents of Renfrew County can now book an appointment at Covid-19 vaccination clinics for young people aged 5 to 11 by [following this link](#).

### **Mandatory vaccination administrative directive**

As you know, a [mandatory vaccination directive](#) for staff and visitors was due to go into effect on December 3. Please note that the implementation of this directive has been postponed until January 31, 2022.

This decision was taken in order to give more time to recruit the necessary staff to fill the positions left vacant by the non-vaccinated staff members and to establish special agreements with the staff in the process of being vaccinated. In the meantime, unvaccinated staff will continue to comply with the requirement to provide management with a negative result 3 times per week as required by the Ministry of Education.

### **REMINDER: International travel**

We remind you of the importance of following federal international travel guidelines and quarantine requirements to protect students and staff.

Upon returning from international travel, travelers must adhere to federal testing and quarantine requirements, notably, self-quarantine, not attending school or child care if such a request has been made.

Additionally, unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who have traveled internationally with a fully vaccinated person, although exempt from federal quarantine, are not permitted to attend school or child care during 14 days after their return, in accordance with provincial government requirements.

### **Rapid antigen testing kits**

We would like to advise you that the Ministry of Education will soon be providing schools with rapid antigen screening kits. Each student will receive one of these kits, which will allow 5 screening tests to be performed at home during the holiday break. Full details on how these kits will work will be communicated to you in the coming weeks.

### **Return of semesters for all secondary school students**

All CEPEO secondary schools will return to semester mode from January 31, 2022.

### **Community use of school facilities**

From February 1, 2022, subject to a favorable sanitary situation and sufficient janitorial staff, certain school facilities may be made available to the community. This will be done in a selective and progressive manner which will make it possible to accommodate community partners while ensuring the expected level of sanitation in schools. You may follow the progress of this file by consulting [our website](#).

I thank you for your continued collaboration and wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

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