

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

This is an update about Hamilton's COVID-19 vaccination clinics for youth age 12 and up.

Vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to protect your child, family, and community from COVID-19. Vaccines will help students and families safely resume to in-person learning as soon as possible.

Health Canada has authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for youth age 12 and up.

Youth must be at least 12 years of age by the date of their appointment.

There are many ways to book an appointment.

This includes large-scale clinics, mobile pop-up clinics, pharmacy clinics, family and youth-friendly clinics from June 15 to 28, as well as community-based and led mobile vaccination clinics for specific populations.

Unvaccinated, eligible family members are also encouraged to book an appointment.

Information will soon be posted at www.hamilton.ca/YouthVaccine on vaccinations for youth who are homebound for medical reasons or who need extra supports.

Please visit www.hamilton.ca/YouthVaccine to learn how to book a vaccine appointment and for answers to frequently asked questions about youth COVID-19 vaccination.

To help you and your child make an informed decision, please see the Government of Ontario's [fact sheet](#) based on expert medical advice and scientific information.

Supporting your child to be vaccinated is an important step in the fight against COVID-19. This will help our school communities return to a sense of normalcy.

It will also benefit the physical and mental health of children, youth and their families.

Sincerely,



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