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Dear Parents/Guardians

## Re: COVID-19 Vaccine

The Province of Ontario has announced more vaccine will be available at Toronto immunization clinics beginning this week. Vaccination is important to protect ourselves, our family and our community from COVID-19, including the variants.

## Who is eligible for a COVID-19 Vaccine?

- To find out more information on how to get vaccinated, eligibility and how to book an appointment, please go to our <u>COVID-19 How to get vaccinated</u> webpage.
- By the end of May, every adult in Toronto should be able to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment as <u>announced by the province this week</u>. Please be ready to book appointments for all the adults in your home as soon as eligible.
- When a vaccine becomes licensed for children, vaccinations eligibility will be communicated with you.

## Where can I book my appointment?

- Those who are eligible, can book their appointments for City-run clinics through the provincial booking system there are no walk-in or standby appointments available at City-run clinics.
- <u>Hospital and community healthcare partners</u> also operate vaccine clinics, including pop-up clinics that target specific areas of the city that may include individuals 18 years and older. These clinics will be promoted locally.

## Information on the COVID-19 Vaccine

- Toronto Public Health will be hosting a town hall on Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. You will have the opportunity to learn more about the Covid-19 vaccine and ask questions. Please see the attached poster for more information and details on how to join. For those of you who are unable to attend, the session will be recorded and posted to our website.
- Please visit Toronto Public Health's <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Resources</u> website for more information on the vaccine, available in multiple languages. Additional vaccine information, can also be found here: <u>COVID-19 Vaccines</u>.

If you or your child has Covid-19 symptoms, please stay-home, self-isolate and go for testing.

Continue to visit our website at: <u>www.toronto.ca/COVID19</u> to stay up-to-date. Information specific to school communities is available at: <u>COVID-19 school information for parents & caregivers</u>. If you have general questions about COVID-19, please call our Hotline at 416-338-7600, Monday-



Sunday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM. Interpretation services are available.

Sincerely,

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