

September 3, 2021

Parents/Guardians,

The Saskatchewan Health Authority is working with your school to arrange for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to students born in 2009 and earlier. Providing immunization to students is consistent with new national recommendations and endorsement by Health Canada. The COVID-19 vaccine is voluntary.

The attached consent form and links to vaccine information online are provided for both parents and students to read and discuss before proceeding with immunization. Your child's school will also provide information detailing the date and location of their specific clinic.

Information about the Pfizer and Moderna brands of vaccine- children are only eligible to receive these brands- and an after-care sheet that outlines common side effects of the vaccine are available on [saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca), along with an electronic copy of the consent form for use as outlined:

- If your child is participating in the school-based immunization program they must be born in 2009 (i.e. will turn 12 years of age by December 31, 2021) or earlier. The age criteria has been expanded slightly in order to offer protection to a larger number of children. A signed consent form must accompany them to their appointment on the date of the clinic.
- Students 13 years of age or older can consent to their own immunization as they are considered to be a 'mature minor.' Written parental permission is not required; however we encourage parents to support their children in understanding this choice and reviewing the vaccine materials together.
- Eligibility is based on age, and not grade. Children born after 2009 are not yet eligible; however can obtain immunization as soon as they become eligible.

Additional information, including common questions as well as a French version of this package is also available on [saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca).

If your child would like to access immunization sooner than the school's clinic date, a parent or guardian would like to accompany them to their appointment, or if your child will miss the school clinic for any reason, alternate options to be immunized include:

- Any [participating pharmacy](#) in Saskatchewan that is advertising the Pfizer and Moderna brands;
- Attending a [pop-up clinic](#) in your area; or
- By phoning HealthLine 811 to receive a booked appointment if there are no alternate clinic options available.

The COVID-19 immunization is a safe, effective way to help everyone stay healthy, prevent illness and save lives. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

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