

January 20, 2022.

Hello everyone!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Vaccination is the province's best defence against COVID-19, including the highly transmissible Omicron variant. As part of the back-to-school plan, the government has asked school boards to work with local Public Health Units to add school-day vaccination clinics for students during instructional hours.

First and Second Dose School Day Clinics for Children Who Attend these schools only:

Written consent by the parents/guardians must be obtained by the time of the clinic.

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Date	School Board	School	Time	Consent due by:
Monday January 24, 2022	Conseil Scolaire Catholique de District des Grandes Rivières	Ecole catholique St. Gérard	2pm-4pm	Monday January 24th 2022
Wednesday January 26, 2022	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	Pope Francis Elementary School	2pm-4pm	Tuesday January 25 th 2022
Monday January 31, 2022	Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	Ecole publique Lionel-Gauthier	2pm-4pm	Friday January 28 th 2022
February 1, 2022	District School Board Ontario North East	Roland Michener Secondary School	2pm-4pm	Friday January 28 th 2022
February 7, 2022	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	Saint Joseph Separate School	2pm-4pm	Friday January 28 th 2022

Providing Informed Consent

Please read, sign and return the [consent form](#) and [screening questionnaire](#) to have your child participate. Anyone getting the COVID-19 including children and youth, must provide informed consent.

Informed consent means that you understand:

- what the vaccine involves (i.e. potential side effects)
- why it is recommended
- the risks and benefits of vaccination
- personal medical history

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By signing the and returning the forms, you agree to have your child vaccinated during the school day without a parent or legal guardian present:

No child aged 5-11 will be vaccinated in a school day clinic without parental consent. As these clinics will take place during the school day, parents/guardians cannot be present. The school and local public health unit will support all students participating and create a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment.

If your child attends a different school not listed above, you have several options:

- Bring your child to one of the public clinics open from 4-7pm listed below or any other health unit clinic listed on the Porcupine Health Unit website <http://www.porcupinehu.on.ca>

Date	School Board	School	Time
Monday January 24, 2022	Conseil Scolaire Catholique de District des Grandes Rivières	Ecole catholique St. Gérard	4pm-7pm
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If your child attends a different school and you would like to have them vaccinated during the school day, sign and return the forms by Friday January 28th, 2022. The Porcupine Health Unit will then explore options with your School Board and Principal to meet these requests.

While COVID-19 vaccinations are safe, we understand you or your child may have questions about the vaccine. Please speak to your child about the many benefits of being vaccinated against COVID-19. If your child has a fear of vaccination, please visit your local Public Health Unit for additional resources. If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines for children and youth please visit [Vaccine Information Sheet for Children](#) for further information or [COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#) to book a confidential phone appointment with a SickKids clinician.

Sincerely,



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