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Dear Parents and Families,

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and help to protect people of all ages against serious illness, hospitalization and death. The Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is now causing a surge of cases in Ontario and is circulating in Northern Ontario. The Delta variant spreads more easily and causes more serious disease. Getting the vaccine protects the individual as well as others who are vulnerable to COVID-19 including children who are too young to get the shot.

It is normal to have questions about vaccines. If you or your child have questions, please speak to your health care provider or contact a nurse at Timiskaming Health Unit at 866-747-4305, ext. 7 or <u>covidvaccine@timiskaminghu.com</u>. Resources are also on our website to help answer questions you may have and to help your child prepare for and know what to expect after they receive the vaccine: <u>https://www.timiskaminghu.com/90513/COVID-19-Vaccine#VaccineYouth</u>

People born in 2009 (turning 12 in 2021) or older across Ontario are eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Timiskaming Health Unit will be hosting clinics in all schools with age-eligible students to offer the Pfizer vaccine to students and staff between September 8-17 and September 29-October 8. The clinic schedule is below and on our website: <u>https://www.timiskaminghu.com/90513/COVID-19-</u> Vaccine#VaccineYouth

There is no minimum age of consent in Ontario; informed consent is assessed by Registered Health Care Providers, such as nurses. Any eligible youth who attends the clinic and is capable of informed consent can be given the vaccine. Our staff have also been calling parents we have contact information for to discuss the vaccine for their child. If you have not received a call from Timiskaming Health Unit and would like to ensure your child receives a first or second dose of COVID-19 immunization in school, please call 866-747-4305, ext. 6.

If your child would prefer to be immunized in another setting, Pfizer vaccine is available at select pharmacies, at walk-in clinics held by the Timiskaming Health Unit, and through booked in-office appointments at the Timiskaming Health Unit offices in New Liskeard, Kirkland Lake, and Englehart. You can view our clinic schedule here: <a href="https://www.timiskaminghu.com/90513/COVID-19-Vaccine#CurrentClinics">https://www.timiskaminghu.com/90513/COVID-19-Vaccine#CurrentClinics</a>

We appreciate that this pandemic has been very hard for youth and families. Thank you for supporting all of the public health measures and for protecting your community and your school by getting fully vaccinated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Glenn Corneil Acting Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer

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