

December 1, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Invitation to a COVID-19 Vaccine School Clinic in Perth

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit (LGLDHU), in partnership with local physicians, is offering two COVID-19 vaccine school clinics in Perth at St. John Elementary School on **December 6th, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm** and at The Stewart School on **December 15th, 4:30 pm-7:30 pm**, by appointment only.

These clinics are intended to vaccinate children 5- 11 years old, however, we welcome anyone in your household to also book an appointment, if eligible. Anyone 5+ (born in 2016 or earlier) is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine and second doses are recommended at 8 weeks after the first dose for optimal protection. To find out who is eligible for third doses, visit: [COVID-19 Protection & Vaccines - Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit](#).

Booking an Appointment:

To book an appointment at one of these clinics, please use this [special booking link](#). If these school clinics do not work for your family, you can [book into any of our clinics](#), visit a [participating pharmacy](#), or check to see if your healthcare provider is offering the vaccine.

How to Prepare your Child for getting Vaccinated:

Kids are pros at getting vaccinated. They have been doing it since 2 months of age – and several times over. Our clinic staff also have a lot of experience vaccinating children in this age group. Parents know their children best and can decide how to approach the preparation based on the child's age and personality, but most children benefit from clear, age-appropriate communication. For tips visit: [How to prepare your child for a COVID-19 vaccination \(healthunit.org\)](#)

We ask that before coming to the clinic you review the [Vaccine Information Sheet for Children \(gov.on.ca\)](#).

Supporting your child to receive the COVID-19 vaccine will protect your child from becoming sick, and also protect those around them. It is key to helping our schools remain open for in-person learning. An additional benefit is that children who are fully vaccinated (14 days or more following second dose) and who are symptom free, can stay in the classroom if there is someone with COVID-19 in the class or on the bus. Others in the class will have to stay home for up to 10 days.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit [Children and Youth COVID-19 Vaccines - Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit](#), call our School Line at 1-866-236-0123, or reach out to your family physician, nurse or nurse practitioner.

Sincerely,

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