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Dear Parents, Guardians or Representatives,

RE: BC Government's COVID-19 immunization program for young people aged 12-17

The BC Government has announced youth aged 12-17 (born in 2009 or earlier) can now get a COVID-19 vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine is currently the only one licensed for use in people under the age of 18; all northern communities will have enough Pfizer vaccine for youth who want to be vaccinated.

Young people can go ahead and register and book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment (please refer to, B.C. youth 12+ can register, get vaccinated against COVID-19). In many communities, youth can book their appointment in a community clinic. In some communities, clinics will be organized with the schools. Find your community on the Northern Health COVID-19 Vaccine Plan webpage for more information.

Ways to register:
- Online (24 hours a day): getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca.
- By phone (7 days a week, 7 am to 7 pm PDT):1-833-838-2323.
- In person at a Service BC location nearest you.

After you register you will be contacted to book your vaccine appointment.

For the latest COVID-19 vaccination information, always visit Northern Health's webpage: COVID-19 Vaccine Plan (please refer to the section, **Vaccines for youth 12-17**).

Resources for parents:
- Consent for COVID-19 Immunization
- COVID-19 Vaccination Information Children Aged 12-17

Thank you for your attention to this information. We look forward to working with families to ensure the COVID-19 immunization program for youth aged 12-17 is successful.

Sincerely,

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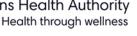Chief Medical Health Officer
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