



Owen Sound District Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

With our recent return to school, the Ministry of Health is encouraging all public health units in Ontario to offer school-based COVID-19 vaccine clinics to help increase protection against the rapid spread of the Delta variant.

To support greater uptake among the youth population, the Grey Bruce Health Unit will be hosting clinics at schools across our region for all eligible students and education staff. The clinics will focus on COVID-19 vaccinations only, and not include other school-related vaccines.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Owen Sound District Secondary School will take place on **September 16, 2021** during the school day.

This clinic is not open to the general public. COVID-19 health and safety protocols will be in place during the clinic, including hand sanitizing, masking and face shields, physical distancing, and frequent wiping of high touch surfaces.

Please note the following information shared by the Grey Bruce Health Unit regarding COVID-19 vaccines for youth and consent:

Like all medical procedures, COVID-19 vaccines are only provided with informed consent. In Ontario, there is no age limit that sets out when people can provide informed consent and make medical decisions on their own. Consent can be provided by anyone who is capable of doing so, including those aged 12 to 17. This means that the person understands the treatment, why it is being recommended, and the risks and benefits if they accept or refuse to be vaccinated. It is the role of the health provider to determine if their patient can consent to treatment, and a regular and routine process that health providers undertake before performing any medical procedure. If a youth is incapable of consenting to receive the vaccine, they would need consent from their substitute decision maker, such as their parent or legal guardian. The health care provider, school, and family must respect a young person's decision regarding vaccination. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss immunization with their children prior to attending a clinic. COVID-19 vaccination is voluntary for anyone eligible in Ontario.

Attached from the Ministry of Health are an information sheet and consent form for sharing with eligible youth. The consent form is required to be provided by the student at the clinic.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to work together through these unprecedented times. As always, please feel free to reach out to the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Brookshaw
Principal