

April 4, 2022

COVID 19 Vaccine: Immunization Clinics for Children aged 5 to 11 Years Old

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Beginning early February 2022, WRHA Public Health will start to offer in schools **Dose 2** of the COVID 19 Vaccine for children ages 5 to 11 years old. Public Health will be at **Bruce Middle School** on **April 14, 2022**

For this school-based immunization program, parents/caregivers will need to complete either an e-Consent (electronic consent) form or paper consent form if you would like your child to receive the COVID-19 vaccine (**Dose 1 or Dose 2**) at school during regular school hours. The eConsent form is available at <https://immunizationconsent.manitoba.ca/> . The printable or online consent form (available at protectmb.ca/youth-covid-19-vaccines/) will also be accepted. For households that cannot access or print an online consent form, your school will have the paper consent form and fact sheet available for you.

If you complete the paper consent form, please have your child return this form to their school by April 8, 2022

If you complete the e-Consent form, please complete this form online by April 8, 2022.

NOTE: Please complete a consent (e-Consent or paper consent form) **ONLY** if you would like your child to receive the COVID 19 immunization during regular school hours. For parents/caregivers who would like to be present with your child for their immunization, please attend an after-hours school immunization clinic or other providers of your choice where you can complete a consent form at that time.

Children are eligible to receive Dose 2 of the COVID-19 vaccine during school hours as long as a minimum of 8 weeks has passed since they received Dose 1. **If it has not been a minimum of 8 weeks since your child's last COVID-19 vaccine, your child will not be immunized at school during regular school hours.** Parents/guardians who want their child to receive Dose 2 before the provincially recommended minimum interval of 8 weeks should get this done at an after-hours school immunization clinic, participating doctors' offices, pharmacies, urban Indigenous clinics or vaccine clinics such as the Convention Centre in Winnipeg. They must discuss the risks and benefits with their immunizer or health care provider before the vaccination to ensure the parent/guardian understands the risks of an earlier second dose.

Please review information about the vaccine at manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/resources.html. You can also find information and resources at protectmb.ca/youth-covid-19-vaccines/ on how to prepare your child for immunization, including techniques to reduce feelings of anxiety, pain and fear of getting needles.

If your child is being immunized, please ensure:

- That your child has eaten a good breakfast
- Your child wears a short sleeve shirt

Please call the Public Health Office at **204-250-4436** if:

- Your child has transferred in from another school
- You no longer want your child to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at school
- Your child has already been immunized by another health care provider prior to today's date
- A medical condition has been diagnosed since the consent was signed that may prevent your child from being immunized
- You have any questions or concerns