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Subject: Letter to Families Regarding COVID-19 Vaccination

New Brunswick is making great strides in vaccinating the population against COVID-19. As of June 9, 2021, 72.2 per cent of New Brunswickers aged 12 and older have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

While COVID-19 has not hit hard in the younger demographics, it has had an impact on their lives. Isolation at home has been a reality for many, along with having to learn from home for long periods.

As a parent or guardian, we would encourage you to have a conversation with the 12 to 18 year-olds in your household about COVID-19 vaccination. Some points you can raise are:

- Do you want to be able to see more friends?
- Do you want to be able to mix classes at recess and noon hour?
- In the case of high school students, would you like to attend school full-time again?

A return to normal school activities can be achieved by protecting all ages against COVID-19 through vaccinations.

People under 18 are eligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. This vaccine is approved for use in people who have reached their 12th birthday and is the only vaccine currently approved for those under the age of 18.

You can register for a vaccine if: you are aged 16 or older, or you are the parent or guardian of a child between 12 to 15 years old.

For more information, please see Public Health's [website on COVID-19 vaccines](#).

You can book an appointment for you or your child at a [participating pharmacy](#), or at a clinic organized by the [Regional Health Authorities](#). If you are not able to book online, please call [1-833-437-1424](#).



George Daley
Deputy Minister