

May 26, 2021

Dear Families,

We are excited to share that youth ages 12-17 became eligible to receive their first dose of Pfizer vaccine starting on May 23, 2021. This is an important step in protecting our youth and getting back to the normal activities that youth and their families have missed.

While youth ages 12-17 can book into regular vaccine clinics now, availability will be limited. We recommend booking appointments during the weeks of June 14 and June 21 at special clinics for youth ages 12-17 to receive their FIRST DOSE of vaccine.

Youth will have to be 12 at the time they receive vaccine to be eligible (i.e., they cannot be turning 12). No children under 12 will be vaccinated. The clinic is also available to secondary school students 18-21.

Special Youth COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics will be held at the same sites where the LGLDHU are currently operating clinics (Brockville, Almonte, Kemptville, and Smiths Falls). Additional special one-time Youth Clinics will be held in communities throughout Lanark, Leeds and Grenville in Lanark; Gananoque, Elgin, Athens, Perth, Prescott and Carleton Place. Clinics will not be held at schools. These clinics will be youth-friendly and vaccine will be administered by clinic staff. Second dose clinics will also be arranged for youth.

More details about dates, locations, how to book and what to expect will be sent out next week.

If you have questions about COVID vaccines, please visit our health unit's website:

<https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/protection/>

If you have questions about your child's personal health conditions and vaccine, please contact your healthcare provider.

Sincerely,



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