

Dear Parent or Guardian,

**Re: COVID-19 School Immunization Program**

Alberta Health Services (AHS), Public Health School Immunization Program is offering a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible students in Grades 7 to 12, who are born in 2009 or earlier.

Your child can get a dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccine in school if they:

- have never had a COVID-19 vaccine (this will be their first dose)
- had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 3 weeks ago (this will be their second dose)

Your child's school will let you know when the COVID-19 vaccine will be offered at their school.

This package includes a consent form and information for the COVID-19 vaccine.

**To have your child immunized at school:**

- read this information package
- print the consent form and sign it

The consent form must be completed by a parent or guardian. Your child will not be immunized at school without your consent (permission).

**On the consent form:**

- Complete your child's personal information.
- Complete your child's health information.
- Sign and date the consent form. Return the form to the school no later than 1 week after school starts.

**Call your school's public health nurse if your child:**

- has had a severe side effect to an immunization in the past
- has any changes to their health before getting the COVID-19 vaccine
- gets another vaccine in the 14 days before immunizations will be provided at your school

If you agree to the immunization, your consent means that your child will get **a dose** of the COVID-19 vaccine. If the consent form is not returned, your child will not be immunized at their school.

Care after immunization information will be given to your child after they are immunized. Please review this information with your child.

Only one dose of vaccine will be given in school. If your child needs another dose, COVID-19 immunizations can be booked online at [ahs.ca/vaccine](https://ahs.ca/vaccine) or by contacting Health Link at 811.

If you **do not** wish to have your child immunized:

- **do not** sign the consent form
- **do not** return the consent form

If you agree to the immunization but later change your mind, please call your school's public health nurse to let them know.

If you have any questions or need more information, call your [local public health office](#) or Health Link at 811.

Sincerely,

Alberta Health Services, Public Health

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