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Dear Student,

If you are born in 2009 or earlier, you are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. This vaccine will protect you and the people around you from serious illness and effects of COVID-19. The more people in our school and community who are vaccinated, the better protected we are from the impacts of the pandemic.

How to get your vaccine

Getting vaccinated is easy – all you need to do is register and then plan your appointment.

Registering takes about three minutes. Go online at https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated. You will need to enter your Personal Health Number (on the back of your B.C. driver's licence, BC Services Card or CareCard). If you'd rather register by phone, call 1-833-838-2323.

After you've registered, there are two ways for you to get your vaccine:

- Make your own appointment. Soon after you've registered, you'll receive a text message, email or phone call to book your appointment.
- **Go to an IH vaccine clinic with your parent/guardian.** As long as one person in your household has booked a COVID-19 appointment, you can go to their appointment together.

You will be able to choose the clinic location where you receive your vaccine when you schedule your appointment. Your vaccine appointment will last about 30 minutes total. It's quick and easy!

Consent: Under the <u>Infants Act</u>, you can give consent as a mature minor to receive your vaccine. Your immunizer will provide you with information and answer your questions to ensure you can make an informed decision to be vaccinated.

Second dose: Get your first as soon as possible now. You will be notified by text or email when it is time to schedule your second dose appointment.

Be an influencer – encourage others to get vaccinated

It is not too late for anyone in B.C. to get their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. People born in 2009 or earlier are eligible and should register at https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated or by calling call **1-833-838-2323.**

Questions? Visit the HealthLink BC Website or B.C.'s Immunization Plan website.

It is your turn to make a difference. Join the fight against this challenging pandemic and register for your vaccine today.

Sincerely,

Dr. Albert de Villiers

Chief Medical Health Officer