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PUBLIC ADVISORY

Pediatric COVID-19 immunizations for children 5 to 11 across Labrador-Grenfell Health

Labrador-Grenfell Health is advising the public that the implementation of the COVID-19 vaccine program will continue with children ages 5 to 11 across the region. Following announcements of Health Canada's approval of a Pediatric Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, planning is currently underway to begin offering vaccines for 5- to 11-year-olds across the region in the coming weeks. Individuals should regularly check for updates to the Labrador Grenfell Health COVID-19 Vaccine Portal at https://www.lghealth.ca/vaccine for information on when and where vaccine will be available for 5 to 11-year-olds in their community.

The vaccine will be offered to this priority group by appointments only (i.e., no walk-ins). The vaccine must be offered at least 2 weeks (14 days) after receiving another vaccine (i.e., the flu shot or school vaccines).

Vaccinations will be available in community and school-based clinics throughout the region. Letters will be sent home to all parents through schools in the upcoming days.

Detailed information about booking in your community is available online at https://www.lghealth.ca/vaccine

Labrador-Grenfell Health is following provincial and national guidance on COVID-19 vaccination for priority populations. While waiting for your opportunity for vaccination, and after vaccination, it is important for everyone to continue to follow public health guidance to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your communities.

This includes:

- o Wearing a mask and keeping 2 metres distance;
- o Washing your hands frequently;
- o Respecting public health guidance on gatherings, travel and quarantine.
- o Staying home and calling 8-11 if you feel sick;

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, please visit <u>Health Canada</u>. For up-to-date information around the provincial COVID-19 pandemic plan, please visit <u>www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19</u>.

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