

June 9, 2021

This notice is to inform you of an upcoming Northern Health COVID-19 youth clinic at the Hazelton Secondary School. The Clinic details are:

- **June 11, 2021**
- **09:00-14:30**

All young people 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) are eligible to get vaccinated for COVID-19. Youth between 12 and 17 years old can get vaccinated by themselves, with their parents, or with a trusted adult. For details on the BC youth COVID-19 vaccine program, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/youth>

Youth who want a vaccine should register with the provincial system.

- To register, visit gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated

Can't attend the local school clinic? Book a vaccine appointment

Youth can also be vaccinated by booking an appointment at a local vaccination clinic. Northern Health is offering vaccination clinics in New Hazelton at the Erwin Stege Community Center June 14-19, 21 & 22. For local clinic information, please see the Northern Health COVID-19 vaccine page (<https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/covid-19-vaccine-plan>) and **find your community** for specific instructions.

Mature minor consent

In BC, youth under the age of 19 can give their own permission to get the COVID-19 vaccine through the Infants Act (<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>). This is called "mature minor consent." The Infants Act states that children may consent to a medical treatment (like getting a vaccine) on their own as long as the health care provider is sure that the treatment is in the child's best interest, and that the child understands the details of the treatment, including risks (i.e., reactions) and benefits. It is up to the health care provider to assess and ensure the child's understanding of the treatment. This means that a young person may decide for themselves whether or not to receive a vaccine.

Youth immunization trusted resources

Immunize BC: <https://immunizebc.ca/covid-19/youth-covid-19-vaccines>

- What to expect at the clinic
- Frequently asked questions
- Giving permission to get the vaccine (mature minor consent)

BCCDC COVID-19 Vaccine Information: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_vaccine/Children_Vaccination.pdf

- This printable resource answers common questions about COVID-19 vaccinations in children

Your health care provider: Please direct questions specific to you or your family member's care to your health care provider.

More information

For more information, please visit Northern Health's COVID-19 information page: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/covid-19-vaccine-plan#bookingyour-vaccine-appointment#nh-resources>