

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

Going to keep this one short!

Our school has been working with our partners at Women's College Hospital and we've set up a vaccination clinic at Harbord CI on Friday Oct. 15 from 2:30pm – 6pm in the cafeteria (see attached flyer). In addition to the vaccination clinic on Friday Oct. 15, a WCH doctor will come by the school on Tuesday, October 12th from 12:30pm – 2:30pm and will join me on classroom visits (for 5 min. in each class) to answer questions and provide some information about frequently asked questions relating to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Also, our Toronto Public Health nurse has provided the school with a new resource that's just been made available: the [COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#). This phone-based service is staffed by pediatric RNs. It might be helpful for our parents or students who need more information about the benefits/risks of vaccination and a place to consult around medical conditions and if they are compatible with vaccination (such as students with chronic illness). This is the [link for parents or students to self-book appointments](#) The consults are offered by phone and appointments are often available that same day at convenient times. Here's some information from their website –

"The SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service is a by-appointment phone service that provides a safe, judgement-free space to have an open conversation about the COVID-19 vaccine for children and youth. It is available in multiple languages, using over-the-phone language interpretation.

We are here to support residents of Ontario 12 years or older and their parents, caregivers or legal guardians who:

- Have specific questions or concerns related to the COVID-19 vaccine for youth/children that you cannot find the answer to elsewhere.*
- Have complex medical histories or medical conditions (i.e. chronic illness) and/or their parents/caregivers.*
- Require additional support for their COVID-19 vaccine due to medical complexity, developmental disorder or mobility, communication, behavioural or other specialized needs, including significant needle phobia.*

As you can see, we are all working TOGETHER to keep us safe and healthy (and doing everything we can to keep our "school-home" open and operational) . Please continue to practice the health and safety protocols and follow the most up-to-date Toronto Public Health directives --- especially this long weekend.

"Harbord, we CARE for each other. TOGETHER. We are ONE!"

Lastly, have a FUNomenal Thanksgiving Weekend! Enjoy the time together safely.

Steve