Frequently Asked Questions – Schools and 12 + vaccination clinics

**What is changing?**

Eligibility to book an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine is opening to people aged 12-to-17-years old in New Brunswick. This means that all New Brunswickers over the age of 12 are now eligible.

A person aged 16 or older, or the parent or guardian of a person aged 12-to-15, can register. Children 16 and under require the consent of parents.

**How can families register?**

Families can register through [a participating pharmacy](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19/nb-vaccine/Get-Vaccinated/vaccine-pharmacy.html#2) (use Find A Pharmacy) or make [an appointment online](https://www.gnb.ca/nosearch/vacc/index-e.html?)  through Vitalité or Horizon health networks. If families are unable to book online, they can call [1-833-437-1424](tel:+1-833-437-1424).

**Where will vaccination happen for this group?**

Vaccination will take place at appointments at local pharmacies or at clinics being held by the Vitalité and Horizon health networks.

**Will vaccinations take place in schools?**

No, given limits on transportation of vaccines, including the need for refrigeration, it was determined that pharmacies and larger-scale clinics were more effective options than school clinics.

**What role is school playing?**

We encourage students to go out the week of May 31 to June 4 and get vaccinated. If parents need any assistance in finding information or printing out forms, we’re happy to help.

**Do I have to wait until the week of May 31?**

No, if your local pharmacy or clinic has availability sooner, you are welcome to book at an alternative date. We are merely encouraging families to book the week of May 31-June 4.

**Will my child be marked absent if I need to take them out of class to vaccinated?**

Student absences will be noted as excused for record keeping purposes, but the absence not be counted negatively against the student for academic purposes.