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Dear School Administrators and Child Care Operators,

We sincerely hope you had a happy holiday. We wanted to ensure you are aware of an announcement by Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, made yesterday.

Beginning January 7th, education staff, including: educators, custodial staff, administrative staff, and school bus drivers, and child care staff in the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area will be able to priority book vaccines at the International Centre in Mississauga. The clinic will operate seven days a week, with specific priority appointments available for education and child care staff from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Eligible staff are encouraged to book their appointment through the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900.

COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide strong protection against getting seriously ill, having to go to hospital or dying from COVID-19. The protection you get from the vaccines may decrease over time. Evidence suggests a third dose/booster restores protection against the virus, including against new variants of the COVID-19 virus such as Omicron. The Province recommends a third dose/booster for anyone who is eligible. Most eligible people should get the third dose/booster at least three months (84 days) after completing the final dose of a Health Canada—approved COVID-19 vaccine series.

Thank you for all you are doing to help keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Halton Public Health