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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in helping us to keep our schools open and safer for in-person learning.

Vaccines are safe and continue to be the best way to protect Ontarians from COVID-19. Getting as many of our residents vaccinated is also important for the protection of our youngest children (0-4) years, who are not yet able to get the vaccine.

Clinics for 5 – 11 year olds and their families are being held across the Region. These clinics provide first and second doses to children. A parent or guardian must come with the child to a clinic. First, second and booster doses are also available to household or family members. All clinics are walk-in only, no appointments. You and your child can also visit a pharmacy in your community to receive a vaccine. Please visit [RegionofWaterloo.ca/GetAVaccine](http://RegionofWaterloo.ca/GetAVaccine) to see a listing of all clinics and participating pharmacies.

**Preparing Your Child for Vaccination**

While COVID-19 vaccines are safe, we understand you or your child may have questions about the vaccine. Please speak to your child about why it is important to get vaccinated against COVID-19. If your child has a fear of vaccination, please visit [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children](#). If you have questions about COVID-19, vaccines for children and youth please read the [Vaccine Information Sheet for Children](#) or you can book a confidential phone appointment with a SickKids clinician by visiting [COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support to help keep our schools open and our community safer for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hsiu-Li Wang".

Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang,  
Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health  
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