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### **COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available for Eligible Minors**

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The Ministry of Health & Wellness informs that children aged 12 to 17 years are now eligible to receive a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine three months after receiving their second dose.

The ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology will make arrangements to facilitate for easy access to the booster doses. Children aged 12 to 17 years not attending school can get vaccinated at the nearest schools and scheduled times that will be agreed upon and shared shortly by both ministries.

The ministry continues to urge persons to get vaccinated from COVID-19. Vaccines are a low cost-effective public health intervention and are one of the best public health measures that contribute to protection from presenting severe illness, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19.

The public is reminded to continue to follow strict public health and social measures by wearing a properly fitted face mask at all times in public, regular washing and sanitizing of hands, keeping proper physical distance and avoiding crowds and enclosed areas.

**Ends**