Dear Patients,

We hope you are enjoying your summer! We want to share with you some important information about COVID 19 vaccines.

## **COVID 19 VACCINES AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 6 MONTHS to 5 YEARS**

As many of you are aware Health Canada has approved the Moderna vaccine for children aged 6 months to 5 years. The vaccine has been found to be safe and effective in this age group and will be offered at one-quarter of the adult dose. The National Advisory Committee recommends 2 doses of vaccine for young children.

Parents and caregivers will be able to book an appointment as of today **July 28**, **2022** at city run and hospital immunization clinics through the provincial booking portal at <u>pediatric COVID-19 vaccine</u>. There will also be pop up clinics and participating pharmacies offering vaccination.

Currently, Bayview Family Practice is not offering the vaccine, but we want to ensure you have the information needed to make the best possible decision for your child. As parents, we understand that this is a personal decision based on individual circumstances.

Here are some resources we hope will assist in your decision making. Please click the link to read.

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## **SECOND BOOSTERS FOR 18+**

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Adults age 18+ are now eligible for a second booster dose of COVID 19 vaccine. The second booster is very effective at preventing severe illness in those who are at risk of complications of COVID 19. You can book your booster at <a href="https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/">https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/</a> and participating pharmacies. Please click on the link to see if a second booster is right for you. Second boosters