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To all parents of pupils in grades 6
and secondary school I

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Vaccination for adolescents aged 12 and above

Dear parents and guardians

The term 2021/22 has begun and many children have expressed their wish to return to normality. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, this wish cannot yet be fulfilled. The Coronavirus has greatly affected our lives and will continue to do so for the next few weeks. As you were informed by means of a letter to parents from the Cantonal Medical Service dated 8 July 2021 (the letter was handed in by the class teacher), preventive tests will therefore continue to be carried out weekly at secondary level I and in some cases locally at primary level.

The vaccination against Covid-19 is another important step towards getting back to a normal life. So far only adults aged 16 and above could be vaccinated against the coronavirus, however, after thorough testing by Swissmedic, the vaccination has now also been approved for young people from 12 to 15 years of age. The studies were conducted in different age groups - including adolescents. The vaccine is safe, it works and was therefore approved in Switzerland.

This vaccination is, of course, voluntary. As parents, you will therefore ask yourself whether it makes sense to vaccinate your child: What is the situation in the family? How is your child's health? How are the people in the family doing? How are things at school or at work?

Please find further information on the topic of vaccination for adolescents aged 12 and over on the information portal of the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) and in the FOPH leaflet, which was specially produced for adolescents: www.bag-coronavirus.ch/impfung/wieso-impfen



You may also find additional information on the vaccination on the FOPH's website with frequently asked questions (FAQ) and their answers: <https://tinyurl.com/faq-bag>

I would also like to point out that the general population (12 years and older) can also be vaccinated without an appointment at the Charlottenfels Vaccination Centre on the following days in August (walk-in offer):

- Every Tuesday up to and including 31 August 2021, from 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
- Every Friday from 13 August to 27 August 2021, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

New: Now you can also schedule an appointment by phone (052 632 65 57)!

I thank you all for your great commitment and support and wish you and your children a successful start to the new term.

Kind regards
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