

Notice to Students, Parents and Teachers

Grade 7 Immunization Program for School Year 2017-2018

• HPV • Hepatitis B • Meningococcal**

****Meningococcal is required to attend school in Ontario according to the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* (unless a valid legal exemption has been filed with public health)**

- HPV, Hepatitis B and meningococcal vaccines are offered to all Grade 7 students.
- HPV and Hepatitis B are two doses, one in the fall and one in the spring.
- Meningococcal is one dose given at the same time as the first dose of HPV and Hepatitis B.
- School clinics begin in September and October.
- Please read the ***Parental Awareness/Consent to Treatment*** below, and the attached ***Vaccine Information for School Clinics*** and the ***Vaccine Consent***.
- Complete the ***Vaccine Consent*** and return it to the school as soon as possible.
- Keep the sheet ***Vaccine Information for School Clinics*** for your information.
- Returned consents are collected by the teacher before the date of the first clinic.
- If your child cannot attend the school clinic, they can come to a public health clinic. These vaccines can also be given by your personal health care provider.

Parental Awareness / Consent to Treatment

The Health Care Consent Act states that all persons, regardless of age, may consent to medical treatment, provided they understand the benefits and risks of the treatment as well as the benefits and risks of not having the treatment. There is no minimum age in Ontario for informed consent. Students will be assessed by a nurse at the school clinic, based on the principles of the Health Care Consent Act, to ensure that informed consent can be obtained. Parents/legal guardians are encouraged to talk with their children about the benefits/risks of immunization.

For More Information

Contact the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health Immunization Program at 613-966-5500 x313. Toll Free 1-800-267-2803. TTY: 711. Website: www.hpepublichealth.ca

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