

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 7 and 8 Halton Students,

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, Halton Region Public Health is reaching out to parents of Grade 7 and 8 students to share some important information about immunization clinics and how to keep up-to-date with school-based vaccines.

In previous years, Public Health has held immunization clinics in schools to provide the following school-based vaccines to Grade 7 students only:

- [Hepatitis B \(ENGRIX®-B\)](#)
- [Human Papillomavirus \(GARDASIL®9\)](#)
- [Meningococcal ACYW-135 \(Menactra® NIMENRIX\)](#)

To help students who are in Grade 7 (born 2008) and students in Grade 8 (born 2007) who have missed these vaccines, Public Health will be offering immunization catch-up clinics by appointment only.

Appointments for Grade 7 (born 2008) and/or Grade 8 (born 2007) students attending a school in **Oakville** are now available for **January and February**.

To book an appointment for your child(ren) in Grade 7 and/or Grade 8, please:

- click [here](#) or
- call 311

To protect the health and safety of students and staff, all immunization clinics will have specific public health measures in place, including:

- screening of all staff, students, parent/guardian before entry to a clinic
- allowing for student and one parent/guardian to attend the clinic
- enhanced cleaning and disinfecting measures
- personal protective equipment (PPE) worn by all staff
- mandatory non-medical mask/face covering for all members of the public attending the clinic
- offering only scheduled appointments to limit the number of people present in a clinic at any time
- providing clear signage inside and outside all facilities to ensure visitors understand the importance of following important public health measures such as staying home if sick, regular handwashing, physical distancing, and wearing of [non-medical masks/face coverings, unless exempt](#).

Your child(ren) may also be able to receive these vaccines through your primary health care provider. Please contact your primary health care provider for more information, and remember to [update your child's immunization record online](#) when they receive any vaccine(s).

If your child(ren) does not have a primary health care provider, visit [halton.ca](#) for a list of [physicians accepting new patients in Halton](#).

To learn more about immunization, visit [halton.ca/immunize](#) or call 311.

Sincerely,

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