

Friday, October 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of Halton Students in Grades 7-12,

Halton Region Public Health is continuing to offer School-based Immunization Community Clinics to help students catch-up on [Hepatitis B](#), [Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\)](#), and [Meningococcal ACYW-135](#) vaccines, which are typically given in Grade 7 but may have been missed due to disruptions caused by the pandemic. These immunizations are an important part of protecting individuals and our community against infectious disease, and the Meningococcal ACYW-135 vaccine is required for school attendance (as per the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*).

Parents and eligible students in grades 7-12 are encouraged to [book an appointment](#) to receive these important vaccines. Some clinic locations are only available for a limited time, so it is important to book an appointment as soon as possible.

To book an appointment, or learn more about clinic eligibility, locations or schedules, visit [Halton's Grade 7 School-based Immunizations webpage](#) or call 311.

[Book an appointment.](#)

[View or submit immunization records.](#)

These vaccines may also be available by special order through your primary care provider. If you have already arranged to receive these vaccines from your primary care provider, be sure to inform Public Health by [updating your online immunization record](#) or by calling 311. Please note, your primary care provider will not be able to order these vaccines while community clinics are available.

It is important to [report all vaccines](#) (except COVID-19 vaccines) to Public Health in order to keep student immunization records up-to-date, however, **it is not necessary to access online immunization records before booking an appointment at our community clinics.** Please bring any hard copy immunization records (for example, yellow card) you have for the student to the appointment, where Public Health staff will assess the student's vaccination history and offer any school-based vaccines that they are eligible to receive (up to a maximum of three vaccines).

To learn more about immunization, visit halton.ca/immunize or call 311.

Sincerely,

Halton Region Public Health

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