

School Immunization Clinics for Students in Grades 7-12

Parent/guardian,

York Region Public Health (YRPH) is offering immunizations for hepatitis B, human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal disease at no cost to Grade 7-12 students at your child's school this year. The **schedule** for school clinics can be found [here](#). The following table provides information on your child's eligibility for vaccines. YRPH will be offering clinics in your school in the Fall 2022 and again in the Spring 2023.

Vaccine Eligibility details			
Student catch-up vaccine	Eligible students	Fall 2022	Spring 2023
Meningococcal (Men-ACYW135) vaccine The vaccine is strongly recommended and is also required for school attendance in Ontario	Grades 7-12	Dose 1	
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine This vaccine is strongly recommended		Dose 1	Dose 2*
Hepatitis B vaccine This vaccine is strongly recommended			

*These vaccines may require a 3-dose schedule depending on age of the student.

Please complete a consent form by September 20, 2022 for your child to be immunized at school:



1. Read the enclosed information sheets together with your child. If you are requesting for your child to be immunized, [click here for the CONSENT FORM](#) to access and complete the electronic immunization consent form. Completed forms are secure and adhere to York Region Public Health privacy and confidentiality standards.

Students in grade 9-12 can complete and sign the form themselves (if capable of doing so) and do not require parental consent to be immunized. Alternatively for students in grade 9-12, a parent can complete it and submit it on behalf of the student and the student will be asked to confirm their consent for immunization at the clinic. Students in grades 7 & 8 require parental consent on the form to be immunized. The student will also be asked to confirm their consent for immunization at the clinic. If your child is in grade 7 or 8 and you do not consent to have your child immunized with all or specific vaccines, please indicate "No" on the consent form as appropriate or do not submit a completed consent form.



2. Consents submitted for vaccination are valid for 2 years from the submission date. There is no need to submit additional consent forms for doses to be given in the SPRING 2023 visit to your child's school



3. If your child has already been immunized with these vaccines, please ensure their immunization record is up to date. Check online at york.ca/immunization or call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675, ext. 73456 to update your child's immunization records. NOTE: Additional doses are not required if these immunizations were previously completed in school or through your health care provider.

4. If your child misses their school clinic, visit york.ca/immunization to book an appointment for hepatitis B, human papillomavirus (HPV) or meningococcal vaccine at York Region Public Health's community immunization clinics to receive the dose at the earliest opportunity or your child will be offered the missed dose at the next school visit.

A notice will be sent home with each immunized student outlining the vaccine(s) administered at the clinic and the number of doses of Hepatitis B and HPV9 vaccine that are still required based on your child's age. If your child requires 3 doses of HPV9 or Hepatitis B vaccine, the school immunization clinics will complete 2 of those doses (Fall 2022 and Spring 2023), you can book an appointment for an additional dose at our [Public Health Community Immunization Clinics](#)

5. To prepare your child for clinic day, review the helpful information at "[What to expect at a YRPH clinic](#)". With continuing Covid-19 precautions, clinic staff and students will be required when in the clinic area and students will be provided with a mask if they are without one. Mask exemptions will be accommodated.

Get caught up on routine immunizations

Staying on track with Ontario's routine immunization schedule ensures your child will develop a strong immune system, protecting them against vaccine preventable diseases and also ensures your child has the right vaccines at the right time to meet the requirements to attend school in Ontario.

Aside from these three important life-saving immunizations being available at school, get your child up to date with any other overdue immunizations at your health care provider's office. This may include missed doses of diphtheria, tetanus, polio, pertussis (whooping cough) measles, mumps, rubella or varicella (chickenpox) vaccine(s).

If your child receives immunizations through your health care provider's office, it is your responsibility to ensure York Region Public Health is informed (your health care provider does not share this information on your behalf). Update your child's record online on the [Update Immunization Information](#) webpage.

In addition, anyone aged 6 months and older can get the flu vaccine when it becomes available. Flu spreads easily and can cause serious illness. Ensure your child is vaccinated against flu this season. The flu vaccine can be received at a health care provider's office or pharmacies.

For more information about the school immunization program or eligibility for vaccines call **York Region Public Health** at

1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca/immunization