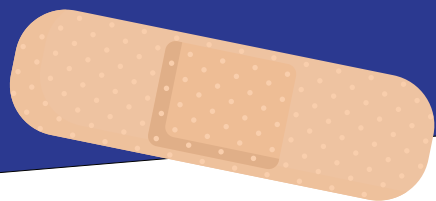


GRADE 7 SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM



York Region Public Health will be providing free vaccines for Grade 7 students at your child's school, including Meningococcal-C-ACYW-135, Hepatitis B (Hep B) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9). These vaccines protect children from serious illnesses and help prevent the spread of infectious diseases within your school community. Each school will have two clinics – one this fall and one in the spring next year.

Find your child's clinic date at york.ca/health/immunizations/school-immunization-program

The meningococcal ACYW-135 vaccine is mandatory for students to attend school.

The Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are strongly recommended to help protect your child but are not required for school attendance.

- To submit immunization records online, visit Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON)
- For more information, visit york.ca/immunization or call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

MISSED A SCHOOL CLINIC?

If your child misses their school clinic, they can receive these Grade 7 vaccines—and other routine vaccines—at a York Region Public Health community clinic. Students in Grades 8–12 who missed their Grade 7 vaccines can also catch up for free at these clinics. Book an appointment at york.ca/immunization (available 30 days in advance).

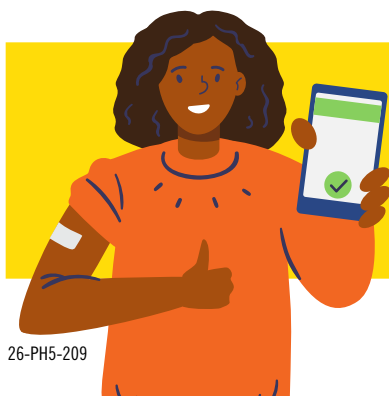


► **Visit york.ca/form/immunization-consent to complete the school clinic electronic consent form as soon as possible.**

Early submission helps with planning. There is no deadline—you can submit the form anytime up to and including the day of your child's school clinic. Once submitted, consent applies to both Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 doses, unless you choose to withdraw it.

Vaccine Eligibility and Dose Details

Student vaccine	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
Meningococcal ACYW-135 (required for school attendance)	Single Dose	
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Dose 1	Dose 2
Hepatitis B		



If you have questions, please call our Vaccine Information Line at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73452 or email vaccineinformationline@york.ca

WHAT TO EXPECT ON SCHOOL CLINIC DAY

Some students may get up to three vaccines in one day. This is safe, effective and protects your child as early as possible. If your child has a fever on the day of the clinic, delay getting the vaccine until they are feeling better.

Before	During	After
 Have a snack	 Take slow, deep breaths and relax your arm	 You did it! There is a 15-minute wait time after vaccination where nurses monitor students for any immediate reactions
 Wear a loose, short sleeve top	 Distract yourself – think happy thoughts!	 Most side effects are mild and go away on their own, such as a sore or red arm, swelling or a mild fever. Serious side effects are rare

Visit york.ca/health/immunizations/school-immunization-program or talk to a health care provider before getting the vaccines if your child has a weakened immune system or had a severe allergic reaction (i.e. anaphylaxis) to a vaccine or any of its ingredients, such as yeast, aluminum, latex, sodium chloride, L-histidine, polysorbate 80, sodium borate or thimerosal.

Hepatitis B is a virus that can cause serious liver damage and liver cancer. There is no cure. While most people recover, some will stay infected for life and spread it to others. It spreads through infected blood or body fluids, such as by sharing needles, razors or toothbrushes, through sexual contact or from poorly cleaned tattoo or spa equipment.

The Hepatitis B vaccine (Engerix-B® or Recombivax HB®) is over 95% effective and provides long lasting protection. In Ontario, the vaccine is free for students in grades 7–12. Most students need two doses given six months apart, or three doses if starting at age 16 or older.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common and contagious group of viruses that can cause cancers of the cervix, mouth, head, neck and genitals. Most people who are not vaccinated will get HPV at some point, often without any symptoms, so they can pass it onto others without knowing. It spreads through close skin-to-skin contact, including sexual contact.

The HPV-9 vaccine (Gardasil 9®) protects against nine strains that cause most HPV-related cancers and genital warts, preventing about 90% of these diseases in males and females. The vaccine works best when given before exposure to HPV, which is why it is recommended at a younger age. In Ontario, the vaccine is free for students in grades 7–12. Most students need two doses given six months apart.

Meningococcal disease is a serious but rare illness caused by bacteria that can infect the lining of the brain and spinal cord or the blood. Symptoms can appear suddenly and become life-threatening within hours. Some people who survive may have long-term health problems. While it is uncommon in Canada, teens and young adults are more likely to get it. The bacteria spread through close contact with saliva or mucus, such as kissing or sharing drinks, utensils, toothbrushes or vape devices.

The Meningococcal-C-ACYW-135 vaccine (Nimenrix®, Menveo®, Menquadfi®) protects against four types of the bacteria. In Ontario, one dose of meningococcal vaccine is routinely provided at 12 months of age in addition to students in grades 7–12. Both doses are required for school attendance under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, unless a valid exemption is provided.

