

Grade 7 Immunization Program Transition to Nimenrix® Meningococcal Vaccine

Update to York Region health care providers as of November 4, 2020

York Region Public Health (YRPH) would like to notify health care providers of the transition from Menactra® to Nimenrix® for all Meningococcal ACYW-135 (Men-C-ACYW) doses administered to students eligible for Ontario's publicly funded grade 7 immunization program. Nimenrix® will now be administered through YRPH's community immunization clinics and distributed to health care providers requesting special release of school-based vaccines. Menactra® is reserved for individuals 9 months and older who meet the high risk clinical eligibility criteria for Men-C-ACYW vaccine.

Important Information Regarding Nimenrix®

1. Dosage Form

- Nimenrix® is supplied as a sterile lyophilized white powder or cake in a 3 mL single dose vial.
- The diluent (sodium chloride and water for injections) is a sterile clear and colourless liquid supplied separately in a prefilled syringe.

2. Special Handling Instructions

- Nimenrix® must be reconstituted by adding the entire content of the pre-filled syringe of diluent to the vial containing the powder (please refer to [pg. 15 of the product monograph](#) for illustrated instructions on how to reconstitute the vaccine with the diluent).
- The vaccine should be administered promptly after reconstitution.

3. Access to Men-C-ACYW Vaccine for Eligible Students

- To request release of Men-C-ACYW vaccine for eligible students, please contact a York Region Public Health Nurse at **1-877-464-9675 ext. 73452** where an assessment will be made of whether your patient meets the release criteria.
- Health care providers can also refer eligible students to receive Men-C-ACYW vaccine at a York Region Public Health community immunization clinic by booking an appointment at york.ca/immunization or at **1-877-464-9675 ext. 73044**.

4. For More Information

- Please refer to the [product monograph](#) for more information on Nimenrix®.

Updating Immunization Records

It is the parent/legal guardian's responsibility to update York Region Public Health with immunization information. Please encourage reporting of all school-based vaccines administered at your office. Immunization records can be updated online at eimmunization.york.ca, by fax at 1-866-258-2026, by phone at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456 or by email at immunizations1@york.ca.

Contact York Region Public Health

The Vaccine Inventory program can be reached via phone at **1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033** or via email at [**vaccineinventory@york.ca**](mailto:vaccineinventory@york.ca).