

Immunization Clinics Start October 5 for Grade 7 & 8 Students

Update to York Region schools, parents and health care providers as of **September 23, 2020**

In March 2020, the Provincial government announced the closure of all schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, school and community immunization clinics during the previous school year were cancelled by York Region Public Health. Many students now entering grade 8 never received their second dose of immunizations planned to be administered in school. These vaccines include Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (Gardasil® 9) and Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135 (Menactra®).

As the school setting continues to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, York Region Public Health will **not** be offering in-school immunization clinics this school year. To ensure that students are still able to receive these important vaccines, our community immunization clinics will resume this fall, beginning on **Monday, October 5**.

York Region Public Health is offering the vaccines listed below at no cost to **all grade 7 students this fall and to grade 8 students who missed their second dose** in the spring of 2020 due to school closures.

Vaccine	Total number of doses required
Hepatitis B	2 doses, 6 months apart
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	2 doses, 6 months apart
Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135 (required for school attendance)	1 dose

Note: Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are administered as two separate injections during the same visit.

Community immunization clinics are offered at various locations throughout York Region. Please inform your clients that children who have recently completed Grade 7 (born in 2007) or are now entering grade 7 (born in 2008) are able to receive these immunizations at a community immunization clinic. Appointments will be available online at york.ca/immunizations, by clicking on [Immunization Clinics](#)

In order to ensure safety for everyone in our immunization clinics, the following measures will be in place:

- Elementary school aged students will be allowed a maximum of **ONE** support person to accompany them into the clinic
- High school aged students will be required to enter the clinic space alone for their appointment unless special circumstances require a support person
- Both the student and their support person must wear a mask at all times while in the clinic. Certain exceptions apply. Visit york.ca/mandatorymasks for details
- Both the student and their support person will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and will **NOT** be allowed in the clinic space unless they screen negative

For more information, contact York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456 or visit york.ca/immunizations.

