

Grade 7 School Immunization: Frequently Asked Questions

1. I have questions about completing the consent form, who can I contact?

Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 78050

2. Where can I send the completed consent form?

Please return to York Region Public Health on or before the due date found on the consent form by:

- Fax (toll free): 1-866-258-2026
- Email: vaccineconsent@york.ca
- Mail: York Region Public Health, Immunization Services, 194 Eagle St, Newmarket, ON L3Y 1J6
- In-person: Public Health Immunization Services, 194 Eagle Street, Lower level, Newmarket. Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Follow signage for Immunization Services.

3. I missed the deadline for submitting the form, what can I do now?

- Visit york.ca/immunizations or call the school to find out the clinic date for your school
- If the clinic date is **more** than one week from today, please submit a completed form as per the directions in question 2
- If the clinic is **less** than one week from today, please download and complete a consent form which can be found on york.ca/immunizations that the student can bring on the day of the clinic and hand in to the nurse clinic coordinator

4. Is a signature from the parent/legal guardian required on the form?

Yes. Only the parent or legal guardian can sign the consent form.

5. My child is very nervous. Is there anything I can do to prepare my child for the immunization?

Visit [What to Expect at an Immunization Clinic](#) for tips on how to reduce pain and anxiety about getting needles.

6. Is it safe to receive more than one vaccine at a time?

Yes. Your child's immune system can easily handle many vaccines at once. Receiving multiple vaccines is safe, convenient, and ensures the best protection for your child at the earliest age possible.

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1-877-464-9675
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7. My child requires an accommodation with the immunization process due to a disability. Can my child be immunized at the school clinic?

Your child will be immunized if a completed consent form was submitted to York Region Public Health. If the child is unable to answer the health assessment questions, the nurse will contact the parent/legal guardian indicated on the consent form by phone during the clinic to obtain the required information or discuss other options.

8. What should I expect after the immunization?

Students are observed by a nurse in the clinic for 15 minutes after receiving an immunization. All usual activities may be resumed after being immunized. Physical activity post-immunization (such as soccer, dance, baseball, etc.) is encouraged. The most common side effects post-immunization include: redness, swelling, and discomfort at the injection site.

9. I'm not sure if my child has an allergy to the items listed on the consent form (aluminum, latex, yeast, thimerosal, sodium chloride, L-histidine, polysorbate 80 or borate.) Where are they are found?

- Latex can be found in rubber gloves, balloons or bandages
- Yeast can be found in bread, cereal or cookies
- Some childhood vaccines contain aluminum, thimerosal, sodium chloride (salt), L-histidine, polysorbate 80 and borate.

Children with a known allergy to these items should not be vaccinated at school. Consult with your health care provider if you are concerned your child may be allergic to any of these items.

10. Who should I contact if my child previously received this vaccine?

To update your child's immunization record contact York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

11. Are these vaccines mandatory?

Meningococcal ACYW-135 vaccine is mandatory for school attendance as directed in the Immunization of School Pupils Act, unless a valid exemption form is completed. Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus are recommended but not mandatory for school attendance.

12. My child has missed the vaccine in school, what can I do now?

Your child can receive the missed doses at a York Region Community Immunization Clinic. Visit york.ca/immunization or call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73044 to book a clinic appointment. Please note the vaccines given in school (hepatitis B, HPV and meningococcal) are routinely given through Public Health, not a health care provider's office.

13. I completed and submitted a consent form but now I have changed my mind, what should I do?

We recommend that all children receive the appropriate vaccination according to their age and eligibility. If you completed and submitted a consent form to York Region Public Health and would like to change or revoke your consent, please call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456 a minimum of one week prior to your child's scheduled school clinic.

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