

Grade 7 Vaccination: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is a signature from the parent/legal guardian required on the consent form? Where can I get a consent form?

Yes. Only the parent or legal guardian can sign the consent form. Consent forms will be available at each clinic.

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

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 is on file
- Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus are recommended but not mandatory for school attendance

8. Who can I contact if my question is not covered here?

Visit york.ca/immunization for more information or call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456