

Immunization Clinics Start October 5 for Grade 7 & 8 Students

Update to York Region schools, parents and health care providers as of September 25, 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 (YRPH). Many students now entering grade 8 never received their second dose of immunizations planned to be administered in school in the spring of their grade 7 year. 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, and will instead be offering community immunization clinics this fall, beginning on **Monday October 5**, to ensure that students are still able to receive these important vaccines, whether they are attending school in person or online.

YRPH 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 (for grade 7 & 8 students)
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.

YRPH community immunization clinics are offered at various locations throughout York Region. Please inform your clients that children who 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, all appropriate COVID-19 public health and infection prevention and control measures will be in place, as well as the following measures:

- 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 undergo COVID-19 screening upon arrival and will **NOT** be allowed in the clinic space unless they screen negative

For more information visit york.ca/immunizations.