PARENT NOTICE

Community immunization clinics are re-starting May 2022 for eligible students to receive vaccines against Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal disease

Immunization is one of the safest ways to protect you and your child from illnesses associated with vaccine preventable diseases.

Parents/guardians can now book an appointment <u>online</u> for their child to receive vaccines to protect them against <u>Hepatitis B</u>, <u>Human Papillomavirus</u> (HPV) and <u>Meningococcal</u> disease. Please check the community <u>immunization clinics</u> web page often as newly released appointments will be posted regularly.

The following student immunizations will be offered at community immunization clinics and are for all eligible students in grades 7 to 12 who missed any doses of these vaccines due to school closures and the pandemic response:

Vaccines	Students currently eligible
Hepatitis B (Two doses*)	Grades 7 to 10
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (Two doses**)	Grades 7 to 12 Also: Female students (born 2002 or 2003) who completed secondary school in 2020 or 2021
Meningococcal (Men-C-ACYW-135) (One dose***)	Grades 7 to 12

* Hepatitis B is a two-dose series if given between ages 11 to 15 (2 doses, 6 months apart)

** HPV is a two-dose series if the series is started before age 15 (2 doses, 6 months apart)

*** Men-C-ACYW-135 is one dose and is required for school attendance in Ontario for students aged 12 and older

If your child has been previously immunized with any of the above vaccines listed, please update your child's <u>immunization records online</u>. It is important to keep us informed when your child has received a vaccination. Doctors or schools do **not** provide this information to York Region Public Health.

Students 12 years of age and older are able to receive a vaccine at the same time, or before/following, a COVID-19 vaccine.

If you are not certain if your child is eligible for one of these vaccines or if you need assistance booking an appointment online, call Access York at 1-877-464-9675.

For more information, visit york.ca/immunizations.

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