

September 2024

Health Unit nurses will be coming to your child's school to offer three vaccines to Grade 7 students. Grade 8 students that missed these vaccinations last year, will also be offered the opportunity to be vaccinated. The nurses will be at the school in the Fall of 2024 and again in the Spring of 2025. The vaccines protect against the following diseases:

1. Meningitis (Men C-ACYW-135): This vaccine is required to attend school. It is different from Meningitis C vaccine that your child may have received as a baby.
2. Hepatitis B (HB)
3. Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Please complete the attached consent form and return to your child's school by **September 12<sup>th</sup>**.

To help your child on clinic day, please make sure they eat a good breakfast, bring snacks and a lunch, and wear a loose or short-sleeved shirt. They can bring something to distract them, like music. Students are encouraged to speak to the nurse if they have questions or concerns.

If the school immunization clinic environment is not appropriate for your child for any reason, you can arrange for them to have the above vaccines with your primary health care provider or at a health unit clinic.

Please complete the consent form even if you do not wish for your child to receive any or all vaccines. Simply check the "NO" box(es) and return the consent form to the school by **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. For information on exemptions please visit [www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1507 or email [immunization@hkpr.on.ca](mailto:immunization@hkpr.on.ca).

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