

**SUBJECT:** Grade 7 Immunizations  
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**To:** Primary Care Providers  
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## **Background**

Hepatitis B (HB), Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Men-C-ACYW (Menactra) vaccines are provided to Grade 7 students annually through the school-based immunization program. Due to the spring 2020 COVID-19 related closure of Ontario schools, along with recommendations to temporarily suspend mass vaccination campaigns, the second round of immunizations were not provided to approximately 2,719 Grade 7 students in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph.

In the fall of 2019, students were offered the first dose of both HB and HPV vaccines. Most of these students are now due for their final dose of the series of two HB and HPV vaccines as well as a single dose of Menactra. All three of these vaccines can be given in one visit.

## **2019/2020 Grade 7 Immunizations**

Primary care providers are encouraged to provide patients who screen negative the vaccine where possible. The recommended personal protective equipment in community clinical settings for vaccine appointments include a surgical mask and eye protection (no procedure gown)<sup>1</sup>. Public Health will distribute school-based vaccine to primary care offices and assist in confirming which vaccines students are eligible for. For questions about a specific student, contact a Public Health Nurse at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4746.

Public Health will reach out to families in the next week reminding them to complete these immunizations. Families will be reminded that they can print their up to date record from the WDGPB website to take to their appointment.

If primary care providers are unable to accommodate these appointments, families can be redirected to book an appointment at a Public Health office. Your assistance with helping students complete their immunizations series is greatly appreciated.

### **Dosage & Schedule**

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Antigen</b>	<b>Dosing Schedule for Grade 7 Students</b>	<b>Dosage</b>	<b>Route</b>
Engerix	Hepatitis B	2 doses a minimum of 6 months apart	1.0 ml	IM
Gardasil 9	Human Papillomavirus	2 doses a minimum of 6 months apart	0.5 ml	IM
Menactra	Men-C-ACYW	1 dose only (a booster should be considered after 5 years based on risk)	0.5 ml	IM

### **Ordering & Reporting Vaccines**

A *School Based Vaccine Order Form* is included. Public Health will release up to ten doses of each vaccine at a time.

Public Health is also asking that primary care providers report all vaccines given on the *School Based Vaccine Order Form* as per Ministry requirements for this program. This information will be required to receive additional stock. Completed forms can be faxed to 519-823-4903. Families are also being reminded to report all immunizations to Public Health online at [wdgpublichealth.ca](http://wdgpublichealth.ca)

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### **Reference**

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