

**SUBJECT:** Grade 7 Immunizations  
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## Background

Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus and Meningococcal immunizations are provided to Grade 7 students annually through the school-based immunization program. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the program for the 2020/2021 school year will be offered to students through booked appointments at Public Health offices, not in schools as in past years.

## 2020/2021 Grade 7 Immunizations

Parents of Grade 7 Students will be advised to contact Public Health to set up an appointment for these vaccines. Public Health will reach out to families in the next few weeks to notify them about changes to the 2020/2021 school-based immunization program.

Public Health will also continue to offer appointments to any student who missed doses of their immunizations in the 2019/2020 school year. Students remain eligible for missed doses of Engerix (Hepatitis B) and Gardasil 9 (HPV) until August 31, 2021. For the Meningococcal vaccine students are eligible in grades 7- 12 and students born in or after 1997.<sup>1</sup>

Primary care providers who are interested in providing Grade 7 Immunizations to their rostered clients are welcome to do so. To indicate your interest in vaccinating your rostered patients or for any questions about a specific student, contact a Public Health Nurse at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4746.

As a reminder, the recommended personal protective equipment in community clinical settings for vaccine appointments include a surgical mask and eye protection. Gloves are not ordinarily needed but should be considered if the vaccine provider's skin is not intact.<sup>2</sup>

## For information on vaccine supply please contact:

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## References

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