

September 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Ministry of Health offers free hepatitis B, meningococcal (Men-C-ACYW-135) and human papillomavirus (HPV) immunizations to all **Grade 7** students in Ontario. **Please note:** Proof of Men-C-ACYW-135 immunization or a valid exemption is a requirement for students in Grades 7 to 12 to attend school under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.

KFL&A Public Health would normally visit your child's school two (2) times during the year (fall and spring) to provide these immunizations. This fall, we do not plan to provide clinics in schools and instead will offer community-based clinics by appointment at various sites within the KFL&A area. The Grade 7 Clinics are also open to students in Grade 8 who missed vaccine doses as a result of the cancellation of clinics due to school closures in the spring. **These immunizations are not routinely available from your regular health care provider.**

KFL&A Public Health strongly recommends that all eligible students receive these immunizations.

To complete the attached immunization consent form for the hepatitis B, Men-C-ACYW-135 and HPV vaccines:

1. Read the immunization information sheets and talk about the immunizations with your child.
2. Visit our website at www.kflaph.ca/SchoolImmunizations and watch the "Ontario's Grade 7 School Immunization Program" and "Grade 7 School-based Immunization Clinic" videos with your child.
3. Fill out the *Student Information* and *Student Health History* sections of the consent form.
4. If you consent to the immunization; sign and date each "Yes" box on the consent form.*
5. Please bring the completed consent form to your child's appointment or it can be completed online at www.kflaph.ca/SchoolImmunizations.

*If you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccine(s), please complete the "No, please do not immunize my child" box for each immunization you do not wish for your child to receive.

**Please note that if your child is in Grade 8 and has already provided an immunization consent form to KFL&A Public Health, you do not need to submit another consent form.

Immunization Schedules for the School-Based Immunization Program

Hepatitis B: 2 immunizations given 6 months apart.

HPV (student with a healthy immune system): 2 immunizations given 6 months apart.

HPV (student with a weakened immune system): 3 immunizations given at 0, 2 and 6 months.

Men-C-ACYW-135: 1 immunization.

For more information on clinics or to book an appointment, please visit

www.kflaph.ca/ImmunizationClinics or call KFL&A Public Health at 613-549-1232 or 1-800-267-7875.

Sincerely,

Immunization Team
KFL&A Public Health

