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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

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RE: School Based Vaccines

QUICK FACTS

- School-based community immunization clinics have closed on November 6, 2021.
- Offices can start submitting [vaccine orders](#) for school-based vaccines (Men-C-ACYW135, HB and HPV) on **November 15, 2021**.
- Orders placed prior to November 15, 2021 will be processed as resources allow.
- Halton Region Public Health will transition to only accepting scanned PDFs or photos (JPEG) of temperature logs.
- By end of November, manual entry of temperature logs on the online vaccine ordering page will no longer be an option.

KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- Eligibility criteria for several cohorts has been extended due to the pandemic.
- The following outlines the current school-based vaccine eligibility:

Vaccine	Number of Doses	Birth Year	Grade in 2021-2022 School Year
Meningococcal ACYW-135 (Nimenrix®)	1 dose (mandatory for school)	2002 - 2009	Grade 7-12 Grade 12 in 2019-2020 Grade 12 in 2020-2021
Hepatitis B 1mL (Engerix B®)	2 doses given 6 months apart	2006*, 2007*, 2008, 2009	Grade 7, 8, 9, 10
HPV-9 (Gardasil 9®)	2 doses given 6 months apart <i>or</i> 3 doses at 0, 2, 6 if first dose was given at age ≥15 years	Females: 2002*, 2003*, 2004-2009 Males: 2004-2009	Grade 7-12 Grade 12 in 2019-2020 Grade 12 in 2020-2021
*remain eligible for missed doses until August 31, 2022. Series must be complete by this date.			

- Before ordering school based vaccines, ensure student has not attended a Halton school based clinic this fall or been immunized elsewhere.
- These vaccines must be reported to Halton Region Public Health. Parents and students are encouraged to report all immunizations using the [online immunization reporting tool](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Halton Region's Vaccine Information for Physicians](#)
- [Guidance for Routine Immunization Services During COVID-19](#)
- [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario](#)

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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