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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments

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RE: Immunization updates – Grade 7 School-Based Vaccines

### QUICK FACTS

- Physicians can special order vaccines online for eligible grade 7 students who missed school-based clinics.
- Most routine vaccines, if delayed, can be given at the earliest opportunity, and 'off-schedule'. For vaccines that are given as part of a series, subsequent doses can be adjusted accordingly.
- Interrupting a vaccine series does not mean you need to restart the series, except for cholera and rabies.

### Grade 7 School-Based Vaccines

Immunization (Brand Name)	Number of Doses Needed	Schedule	Required for School Attendance?
Meningococcal-C-ACYW (Menactra)	One dose (full vial, 0.5mL)	Grade 7 (born in 2007)	Yes
Hepatitis B (Engerix-B Adult)	Two 1mL doses (Adult dose)	6 months apart (when given between ages 11-15)	No
Human Papillomavirus (Gardasil 9)	Two doses (full vial, 0.5mL per dose)*	24 weeks apart (when first dose is given before age 15)	No

*\*three doses of HPV vaccine are advised (given at zero, two and six months) if a student is immunocompromised and required if the student is older than 15 years old.*

### Vaccine order and pick-up

- Visit [halton.ca/physicians](http://halton.ca/physicians) to order [routine, high-risk and school-based vaccines](#)
- Vaccine orders will be available for pickup at the Halton Regional Centre on Tuesdays between 8 and 10 a.m. only, until further notice.
- When picking up vaccines, please check in at main reception and bring:
  - A pre-cooled, hard-sided cooler;
  - A digital thermometer device that measures current, minimum and maximum temperatures; and
  - Ice packs and a water blanket inside the cooler.
- Public Health will be contacting providers that store publicly funded vaccines to schedule an inspection to assess vaccine storage and handling practices.

### KEY MESSAGES FOR PATIENTS

- Public Health will be organizing community catch-up clinics for grade 7 students during the summer. Information about this will be communicated to families when available.

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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