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

FROM: Dr. Joanna Oda, Associate Medical Officer of Health

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DATE: April 13, 2023

RE: Halton Region Public Health resuming school immunization clinics

QUICK FACTS

- Halton Region Public Health is resuming school immunization clinics as of April 17, 2023 for students in grades 7 and 8.
- The following vaccines will be offered to eligible students:
 - Meningococcal ACYW-135 (required for school attendance)
 - Hepatitis B (recommended)
 - HPV-9 (recommended)
- Special orders for school-based vaccines will continue to be processed as usual. Refer to the <u>Vaccine</u> <u>Delivery Schedule</u>.

KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- If your practice has already ordered and received school-based vaccines for a grade 7 or 8 student, please request parents/guardians to book an appointment for the student to receive the vaccines already allocated to them in your practice.
- The Ministry of Health has <u>extended eligibility</u> for school-based vaccines to August 31, 2023. Eligible individuals who do not currently have access to school immunization clinics may contact physicians to schedule an appointment.

KEY MESSAGES FOR PATIENTS

- Parents/guardians can visit <u>halton.ca/immunize</u> to learn about upcoming school immunization clinics.
- Parents/guardians must report their child's immunization record to Halton Region Public Health when they receive any vaccine(s), unless the vaccine is administered at a Halton Region Public Health clinic.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario, Ministry of Health

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of <u>Diseases of Public Health Significance</u> to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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