

Dear parent of student entering grade 7 in September 2017:

To help keep students healthy, the Halton Region Health Department holds in-school immunization clinics in Halton schools for students registered in grade 7, offering the following immunizations as recommended by the province:

- hepatitis B;
- Human papillomavirus (HPV); and
- meningococcal vaccine ACY-W135 (Menactra).

In late August, Halton Region will mail out immunization packages to families of students entering grade 7 containing vaccine information sheets and consent forms.

The consents must be completed and returned to the school by September 15, 2017. Students who do not return the completed consents will not be able to get immunized at the fall school clinic.

In order for students to participate in the scheduled school clinics please ensure that:

- consents are signed and dated by the parent. Telephone consents will not be accepted;
- all the student information and the student health history has been completed;
- the forms are completed using a ball point pen (ink); and
- the consent is returned to the school office by the **September 15, 2017** deadline.

If your student has previously received Hepatitis B, HPV or Menactra vaccines, please report this information to the Halton Region Health Department before the school clinic. Immunization records can be reported online at halton.ca/immunize, by phone (call 311), or in person or by mail to the Halton Region Health Department at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville.

Menactra is a required vaccine to attend school in Ontario under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*, unless parents have submitted a valid immunization exemption to the health department. Students who have not received this vaccine could be at risk of suspension from school in the future.

If you do not receive an immunization package by the end of August 2017, please call 311 so we can send another one.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe and healthy.

NEW! To make it easier to report immunizations to the Health Department, Halton Region now offers families the option to take a photo of their immunization record and submit it electronically at halton.ca/immunize.



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