

Friday, October 15, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Halton Students in Grades 7-12,

Halton Region Public Health is strongly urging families to catch up on important school-based vaccines by booking an appointment at one of Halton's School-based Immunization Community Clinics being offered for a **limited time only**. The clinics are being offered evenings and weekends so as not to interrupt the school day.

Currently, more than 25 000 Halton students born 2004-2009 are still missing doses of [Hepatitis B](#), [Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\)](#), and [Meningococcal ACYW-135](#) vaccines, which are typically given at school in Grade 7 but were disrupted by the pandemic. These immunizations are an important part of protecting individuals and our community against infectious disease, and the Meningococcal ACYW-135 vaccine is **required** for students (as per the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*).

Clinics will begin winding down in late October, so families must book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

[Book an appointment.](#)

To find out more, you can:

- [Visit the Grade 7 School-based Immunizations web page](#);
- [Read Halton's School-based Immunization Fact Sheet](#) (also available in [Urdu](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Punjabi](#), [Arabic](#));
- Read Halton Parents' blog post about [School-based vaccines and your child](#); or
- Call 311.

It is important to [report all vaccines](#) (except COVID-19 vaccines) to Public Health in order to keep student immunization records up-to-date. If you have already arranged to receive these vaccines from your primary care provider, be sure to inform Public Health by [updating your online immunization record](#) or by calling 311.

To learn more about immunization, visit halton.ca/immunize or call 311.

Sincerely,



Dr. Hamidah Meghani,
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