



February 10, 2022

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian

**RE: Grade 9 and 10 Hepatitis B, HPV and Meningococcal Catch Up Clinics**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students in grade 9 or 10 may not have been able to complete their grade 7 school program vaccines provided by Public Health in the school. These vaccines include Hepatitis B, Meningococcal ACYW-135, Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

If your child is in grade 9 or 10 this school year, they are eligible to complete their school vaccine series. Please note that Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines require 2 doses (min 6 months apart) to fully protect against these diseases. Meningococcal ACYW-135 is provided as a one-time dose. Meningococcal vaccine is required as per the Immunization of School Pupils Act.

Due to COVID19, eligibility for some vaccines has been extended:

- Students born in 2006 and 2007 are eligible for Hepatitis B vaccine until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- Girls born in 2002 and 2003 remain eligible for the HPV vaccine until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- Students in grades 7 or later remain eligible until Meningococcal ACYW-135 vaccine is received

**Catch up appointments are now available at:**

- 99 Regina Street South, Waterloo
- 99 Beechwood Road, Cambridge

**Next Steps:**

1. Before booking an appointment, ensure that all vaccinations received from your health care provider or out of province have been reported to Public Health. There are several ways to report your child's immunization record:

<b>Online</b> <a href="https://regionofwaterloo.ca/ivpd">regionofwaterloo.ca/ivpd</a>	<b>Phone</b> 519-575-4400 Ext 5001
<b>Email</b> <a href="mailto:immunizationsservices@regionofwaterloo.ca">immunizationsservices@regionofwaterloo.ca</a>	<b>Fax</b> 519-885-7260

2. To book an appointment for school program vaccine:
  - a. Contact your health care provider
  - b. Book with Public Health **online** <https://bit.ly/3pyLr8f>
  - c. Book with Public Health by **calling** 519-575-4400 ext. 5001

**If you have previously declined these immunizations or have a legal exemption on file at Public Health, please disregard this letter**

If you have questions about the School Vaccine Program catch-up process, please call 519-575-4400 ext. 5001.

Sincerely,

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