

## What you need to know

# School Vaccine Program

As a part of Ontario's school-based vaccine program, three free and important vaccines will be offered to your child in Grade 7:

### Meningococcal

The MenC-ACYW vaccine protects your child from meningococcal disease — a serious illness caused by bacteria.

It can lead to deafness, seizures, brain damage, loss of limbs or even death.

### Hepatitis B

This vaccine protects against hepatitis B, a virus that can infect the liver.

In some people, the infection doesn't go away and can cause serious problems like liver damage, liver cancer or even death.

### HPV

The HPV-9 vaccine protects against nine common types of HPV, a virus that can cause several cancers, including head and neck, cervical, vaginal, anal, and penile cancer, as well as genital warts.

## 3 reasons to get vaccinated at school:



### **It's easy!**

Public health nurses will visit your child's school during school hours so there's no need to book a separate appointment or take time off.



### **It's safe!**

These vaccines have been safely given to millions of people. Side effects are usually mild, and safety is continuously monitored.



### **It's free!**

All school vaccines are provided free of charge through Ontario's health programs. There is no cost to you.

**Please complete the online consent form for your child.**



## Questions?

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