



Hamilton

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Public Health is pleased to offer a vaccine clinic this year at your child's high school. During the COVID-19 pandemic, these high school-based clinics were not available and as a result, you may not be aware that these clinics are part of the regular work of public health and have been offered yearly in the past. High school clinics provide an opportunity for your child to catch-up on any missing routine vaccinations at school. On the clinic day, students may attend the clinic to receive any missing vaccines.

The following vaccines will be available at the clinic:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Polio (Tdap-IPV)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Meningitis (Men-C-ACYW135)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV9)
- Hepatitis B (Hep B)
- Polio (IPV)

On the clinic day, nurses will be available to assess your child's immunization record and offer any overdue vaccines that are required by the Immunization of School Pupils Act (1991), and vaccines that may have been missed in grade 7. Prior to receiving vaccines, students will be asked to complete a consent form as per the Consent to Treatment Act (1992). High school students are able to consent to vaccination on the day of the clinic. Please talk with your child about their vaccinations and your wishes about vaccination before the clinic. Attendance at the clinic is voluntary. If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated at school, please instruct your child to not attend the clinic.

If you choose to have your child vaccinated by another health care provider, please remember to update your vaccine record with Hamilton Public Health. You can also view your child's vaccine record, or report vaccines to Hamilton Public Health by visiting hph.icon.ehealthontario.ca, or by calling 905-540-5250. Please note that family health care providers do not report vaccines to Hamilton Public Health.

Please visit www.hamilton.ca/highschoolclinics for more information including the scheduled clinic dates. Schools will also remind students about the upcoming vaccine clinic date. If you or your child would like to speak to a doctor about vaccinations by phone, you can visit the VAXfacts website at www.shn.ca/vaxfacts to book an appointment.

On the day of the clinic, please ask your child to wear a short sleeve t-shirt.

Thank you,

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