



2022-2023 Memo for Grade 8 parents

What? Every year Ottawa Public Health organizes vaccine clinics at your child’s school.

When? We will offer an in-school clinic in the Fall and in the Spring. See the following link for dates: <http://www.parentinginottawa.ca/immunization>

What vaccines are being offered?

Vaccine	How many doses?	Who is eligible?
Meningococcal (Menactra® or Nimenrix®)	1 dose	All grade 7 to 12 students *Mandatory as of grade 7
Human Papillomavirus (Gardasil® 9)	2 doses or 3 doses (depending on age)	All grade 7 to 12 students
Hepatitis B (Engerix®-B or Recombivax®)	2 doses or 3 doses (depending on age)	All grade 7 to 12 students

How does my child get the vaccines?

- Last year, all students in grade 7 (students born in 2009), received a package with the consent form for the hepatitis B, human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal disease vaccines.
- These vaccines are publicly funded, so no payment is needed.
- If you and your child signed the consent form last school year, the consent is **STILL VALID** (consent is valid for 24 months following the date it was given).
- If consent is on file and your child is due for a vaccine mentioned above, nurses from Ottawa Public Health will, with child consent, proceed with the vaccination. If you are unsure if consent is on file, call Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744.
- **If you do not want your child to get vaccines this year, call Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744.**

On the day of the school clinic, your child should:

- Eat a good breakfast.
- Bring an extra juice or snack to school.
- Wear short sleeves or a loose shirt so that the upper arm can be exposed easily, without undressing.
- Bring a mask to wear in the clinic.

Please note: For safety, confidentiality, and efficiency, **we are not able to accommodate parents who wish to remain with their child during immunization in our school clinics.** To discuss alternatives such as community catch-up clinics please call 613-580-6744.

If your child misses a vaccine in their school clinic, or if you have questions about the vaccines, please call Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744 and ask to speak with a nurse.

