



Region of Waterloo

PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Infectious Diseases, Sexual Health and Harm Reduction (IDS)

Date: September 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Waterloo Region District School Board School Administrators
Waterloo Catholic District School Board School Administrators
Conseil Scolaire Viamonde School Board Administrators
Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir School Board Administrators

From: Vaccine Preventable Disease Program

Subject: Gr. 7 School Immunization Program update

Review of current situation

- Public Health Grade 7 school immunization clinics were not completed due to school closures during the 2019/2020 school year. As a result, a number of students require the completion of the HPV and Hep B series
- A limited number of students will require their Meningitis vaccine
- A request was made to all school boards on July 30th to post information on their respective board websites directing parents to make appointments with their health care providers to provide their child's catch up vaccinations

Update on school program vaccination program

- Public Health will be offering drive thru immunization clinics for students eligible to receive their school program vaccinations. This includes students who missed their follow up vaccines during the 2019/2020 school year and those eligible in 2020/2021 to start their immunization series
- Clinics will be offered at the Medical Centre at the Boardwalk, located at 435 The Boardwalk, Waterloo starting in October
- The immunization clinics will be offered first to the Grade 7 and 8 students from 2019/2020 who did not complete their immunizations. School program immunizations for the 2020/21 cohort of Grade 7 students will begin in early January. Clinics will extend through the summer months
- Clients can call their health care provider to make an appointment to receive school program vaccines through them if they choose

Action Requested:

1. The attached letter for parents provides them with the details on how Public Health will be booking appointments. Please provide the letter via your School Days app, or preferred electronic communication method, to the parents of eligible students.
2. Please post the following updated information on your school board website for parents:

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Clinics will be offered at the Medical Centre at the Boardwalk, located at 435 The Boardwalk, Waterloo starting in October. Options will be made available for those unable to attend the drive thru clinics. Details will be provided to you when you receive your phone call to book an appointment.

The immunization clinics will be offered first to the Grade 7 and 8 students from 2019/2020 who did not complete their immunizations. School program immunizations for the 2020/21 cohort of Grade 7 students will begin in early January 2021. Clinics will extend through the summer months.

Parents/students will be contacted directly to book these appointments between October and December. Please do not call the Public Health office to book your appointment.

School program vaccines are also available through local health care providers. Please call your health care provider if you wish your child to receive their vaccine using this route.

Parents/students are able to access immunization records and submit immunization information via ICON. Details can be found on our website or by using the link: [regionofwaterloo.ca/updateimmunizations](https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/updateimmunizations). Public Health can be contacted for assistance or if students do not have a health card at 519-575-4400 ext.5001.

Details and directions regarding the catch-up clinics and the 2020/2021 school year immunizations are also posted on our website (<https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/school-immunization.aspx>).

If your child has received their vaccinations or if you need to access your child's immunization record, please visit our Public Health website (www.regionofwaterloo.ca/updateimmunizations) or call 519-575-4400 ext. 5001