

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GRADE 7 VACCINATIONS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Public Health provides free vaccinations to Grade 7 students in the schools in the fall and in the spring.

Students in Grade 7 are offered three important vaccines that help to protect them from:

- **Meningococcal disease** (causes meningitis) **required for school attendance*
- **Hepatitis B** (causes liver damage and liver cancer)
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**; causes precancerous lesions, oral, genital and anal cancers; and genital warts)

I strongly recommend that you have your child vaccinated against these diseases. These vaccines are safe and effective and greatly reduce the risk of potentially life-threatening diseases when a completed series has been received.

I ask that you:

- Review the vaccine information at wdgpublichealth.ca/immunizeGr7 (Vaccine information is available in: [English](#) | [French](#) | [Amharic](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Dari](#) | [Hindi](#) | [Nepali](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Tagalog](#) | [Tigrinya](#) | [Vietnamese](#))
- Complete the online consent form for your child as soon as possible www.wdgpublichealth.ca/gr7consent

If your child has already received one or more of the vaccines listed above, please complete the consent form and indicate the dates of the vaccinations on the form. A public health nurse will only immunize your child if the vaccine is still needed.

Public Health wants school vaccinations to be a positive experience for students. If you have questions regarding this program or require assistance completing the consent form, please contact Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 7006 to speak with a public health nurse.

Sincerely,



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