# Community-based immunization clinics for grade seven students during the COVID-19 pandemic



- Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) vaccinates grade 7 students annually, as per Ontario Publicly Funded Schedule.
- Vaccines are typically provided to students in the school setting.
- Due to school closures in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, HPPH offered community clinics to reach students who were outstanding for MenC-ACYW-135 (Menactra), or their second doses of Human Papillomavirus (Gardasil 9) or Hepatitis B vaccines



• Community clinics held in August 2020 for the 2019-2020 grade seven cohort to complete vaccinations that had been started in fall of 2019.

 Community clinics were held again in December of 2020 to provide the 2020-2021 grade seven cohort their first doses and to complete any outstanding vaccinations from the previous cohort year's cohort.







# Public Health Update

To: Family Health Teams, Family Physicians and Nurse Practitioners

From: Huron Perth Public Health



# Clinic details

- Location
- Booking appointments
- Promotion



#### **ATTENTION**

Parents/Guardians of Grade 7 Students (class of 2019-2020)



#### **Hepatitis B and HPV**

#### **Immunization Catch-Up Clinics**

A first dose of the Hepatitis B (Hep B) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines were given to grade 7 students at schools in the fall of 2019. Due to COVID-19, the second dose of these vaccines was not administered.

A second dose of both vaccines is required for full protection against Hep B and HPV.

If you have not received a call from us, please contact Huron Perth Public Health to book an appointment for your child.

HURON CLINICS - DATES and LOCATIONS	PERTH CLINICS - DATES and LOCATIONS
<b>Libro Community Hall</b>	Elma Memorial Community Centre
239 Bill Fleming Drive, Clinton	Highway 23, Atwood
AUGUST 12, 1-6 pm	AUGUST 18, 1-6 pm
Goderich Memorial Arena	Mitchell Community Centre
180 McDonald Street, Goderich	185 Wellington Street, Mitchell
AUGUST 18, 1-6 pm	AUGUST 19, 1-6 pm
Seaforth Community Centre	St. Marys Pyramid Centre
122 Duke Street, Seaforth	317 James Street, St. Marys
AUGUST 13, 1-6 pm	AUGUST 13, 1-6 pm
South Huron Recreation Centre	Stratford Rotary Complex
94 Victoria Street, E., Exeter	353 McCarthy Road, Stratford
AUGUST 20, 1-6 pm	AUGUST 11 and 20, 1-6 pm
Wingham Knights of Columbus Centre 99 Kerr Drive, Wingham AUGUST 19, 1-6 pm	

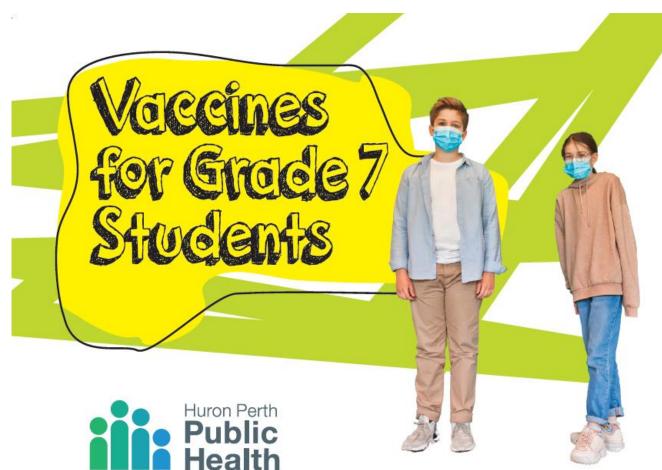


Text or Call:

Huron: 519-525-5594 | Perth: 519-276-0015

www.hpph.ca





Huron Perth Public Health will be holding community-based immunization clinics across Huron and Perth counties in early December.

The vaccines will protect against \*meningococcal (A, C, Y, W-135) disease, hepatitis B, and human papillomavirus (HPV).

Please go to our website to book an appointment at a clinic location near you.

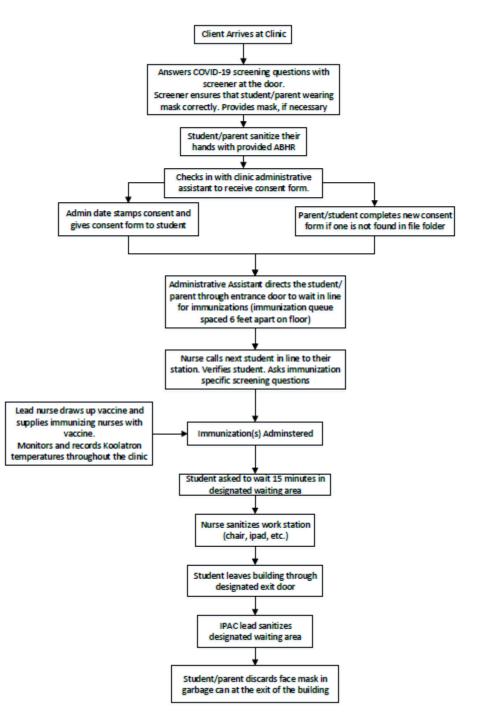
Visit www.hpph.ca/Grade7Vaccine

1-888-221-2133 Ext. 2025 Huron | Ext. 3291 Perth



<sup>\*</sup> Required for school attendance according to the Immunization of School Pupils Act.

#### Clinic process:





### Successes of the community clinic model:

- Proved the strength of partnerships HPPH has with its municipalities and community centres, who generously provided HPPH space, at no cost, to hold the clinics.
- HPPH staff came together to ensure clinics were carried out promptly and with precautionary COVID-19 measures strictly in place.
- Allowed for majority of the grade seven students who were outstanding for Menactra, or their second doses of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) or Hepatitis B to be immunized.



## Take-away learnings of the community clinic model:

- Calling parents directly for the first clinics to inform them of the clinic and to book an appointment time was effective, but very timeconsuming.
- Some booking systems are better than others, but overall online booking was the most efficient way to book appointments for both parents and HPPH staff.
- Parents prefer to be with their children when being vaccinated.



# Final thoughts...

- HPPH would consider offering community clinics to school students again in the future based on ability to access schools this fall.
- HPPH has recently secured an online booking system built into our website to improve appointment scheduling.
- As the forth wave of COVID-19 is upon us, HPPH will continue to look at opportunities for delivery of vaccines to this population.



