

Update on School Immunization: Grade 7 & 8 Program Changes, HCP Menactra orders, Immunization Surveillance & Record Review

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Family Health Teams, Walk-in Clinics

Date: September 8, 2016

With the school year now upon us, we are providing an update on this year's school immunization activities. Please note the following important changes:

Grade 7 & 8 Program

Effective September 2016, Ontario's publicly funded HPV immunization program will be offered in Grade 7 and will include boys. The HPV vaccine had previously been offered exclusively to girls in grade 8.

For the 2016/2017 school year students will be offered the following vaccines at school immunization clinics:

- All Grade 7 students (boys and girls) will now be offered Hepatitis B, Men-C-ACYW and HPV vaccine.
- In 2016–2017 Grade 8 girls will be offered the HPV vaccine.

After the 2016-2017 school year, Hepatitis B, Men-C-ACYW and HPV vaccines will only be provided in Grade 7.

Reminder: While all three vaccines are strongly recommended, only Men-C-ACYW is required under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA).

Immunization Surveillance and Suspension Dates

During the 2015-2016 school year, records for students born in 2007 and 2008 were reviewed and suspension orders mailed in January 2016. **The suspension date for those students who are still outstanding from this round of immunization record review is Thursday October 6, 2016.**

Parents/guardians have received numerous communications regarding the status of their child's immunization needs starting in November 2015. Most recently a letter was mailed to student's homes over the summer. Our list is getting shorter, however; we still have over 400 students who are eligible for suspension in October 2016.

In 2017 immunization records of students born in 2009 will be reviewed and notices sent to parents/guardians.

Also this fall, students in selected high schools whose immunization records are not up to date will receive a notice of suspension and potentially a suspension order.

Availability of Men-C-ACYW Vaccine to Health Care Providers will continue

The ministry has approved the health unit to continue to provide Menactra® in small quantities to HCPs, in order to immunize high school students who had previously declined receiving Menactra® in Grade 7, and now need this vaccine to meet ISPA requirements.

The health unit will continue to provide this vaccine to HCPs based on the following:

- This vaccine is to be used for high school students only.
- When high school students are immunized at their HCP office with Menactra®, the HCP will forward the immunization information to the health unit by fax to: 705-726-3962.
- This vaccine is to be ordered using the Menactra® Catch-up School Immunization Program Vaccine Order Form (attached to this Health Fax and available on the SMDHU website via the Primary Care Portal).
- It is not to be used for students currently in Grade 7 or 8. Immunization for Men-C-ACYW will be completed by the health unit in the schools.

Immunization Record Review

The health unit is required under the ISPA) to collect and maintain up-to-date immunization records for every student who attends school in our jurisdiction.

If a student presents at your practice with an immunization notice from the health unit, please review to see what immunization information is required. Many students will have received immunization from their health care provider already but they have not informed the health unit.

To help us update all students and avoid the suspension process please:

- Provide immunization information that you have on file to clients so they can share with the health unit.
- Provide immunizations required to meet the ISPA requirements. Ensure when providing vaccines, that parents know they need to report the information to the health unit.

Please note that

- Immunizations for **MMR and meningococcal vaccines must be given on or after the child's first birthday** to be considered a valid dose under the ISPA.
- **Varicella vaccine** is required for students born in 2010 or later. If a patient had clinically diagnosed varicella disease at 12 months of age or older, HCP's can complete a "[Statement of Medical Exemption](#)" Form available at [http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/GetFileAttach/014-4895-64E~1/\\$File/4895-64E.pdf](http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/GetFileAttach/014-4895-64E~1/$File/4895-64E.pdf) noting the age the child had disease in the section provided to "define evidence of immunity".

If the student had varicella disease before 12 months of age, it is not considered a medical exemption, as it is recommended that the student still complete routine immunization with two doses of varicella-containing vaccine 12 months of age or older, because varicella disease at less than 12 months of age has been associated with an increased risk of a second episode of varicella (Canadian Immunization Guide, Varicella Chapter)

If you have a student who **cannot** be immunized:

1. For medical reasons with a particular vaccine, please complete a Statement of Medical Exemption form, which can be found on our Health Care Portal at www.smdhu.org/pcportal under Immunization - Forms <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/JFY/PCPortal/PCPCategories/Immunization.aspx>
2. For reasons other than medical, please refer them to the health unit so that they can complete a Statement of Conscious or Religious Belief form. This form must be obtained from the health unit, notarized and returned to the health unit.

If you have any questions regarding the school immunization requirements or processes please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8807.

Menactra® Vaccine for Catch-up School Programs (High School Students)

Barrie Vaccine Order Form

For Barrie, Midland, Collingwood & Cookstown area

Barrie Fax: 705-792-3835

Facility Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Facility Fax #: _____

Facility Contact: _____

of Fridges: _____ Type: Bar Domestic Purpose Built
 Other

- Place orders by **3:00 p.m. Tuesday** for pick up the following **Tuesday morning**.
- Orders must include the **previous 4 week** temperature log.
- Order no more than a **5 dose supply**.
- Vaccine order inquiries 1-877-721-7520 ext. **8808**.
- For **URGENT** requests due to **UNEXPECTED** demands, provide details below.
- Include current Menactra® vaccine inventory.
- Coolers must be between 2 - 8 °C for vaccine to be released.
- **Doses administered must be reported to SMDHU.**

Premise Type:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Physician Office	<input type="checkbox"/> NP Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Vaccine:		Current # of doses in your fridge	Requested # of doses
<p>Menactra® <u>High school students only who have received notice from SMDHU</u></p> <p>Meningococcal (Groups A, C, Y and W-135) Polysaccharide Diphtheria Toxoid Conjugate Vaccine</p> <p>Time Limited – Menactra is available to order until August 2016.</p>		<p>_____</p> <p><i>Current # of doses</i></p> <p><i>Have previous doses of Menactra® that have been given been reported to SMDHU?</i></p> <p>__ Yes __ No</p>	<p>_____</p> <p><i>Requested # of doses</i></p>
<p>To share your client's immunization record go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline fax to 705-726-3962 or call Health Connection 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520</p>			

Location to be picked up (please check):

Barrie Collingwood Cookstown Midland

VIM Order # (for office use only): _____

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