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Men-C Vaccine Being Discontinued, Immunization Record Review, & RSV mAb for Infants Born Spring & Summer

Attention: Physicians, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Community Health Centres, Nurse and Nurse Practitioners, Family Health Teams, Ontario Health, Ontario Health Teams, Indigenous Healthcare & Community

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Men-C-C Vaccines Being Replaced with Men-C-ACWY Vaccine in Routine Child Schedule

Manufacturers have advised that monovalent conjugate meningococcal serogroup C (Men-C-C) vaccines (NeisVac-C® and Menjugate®) will no longer be available in Canada. Therefore, Ontario will transition to using quadrivalent conjugate meningococcal serogroups A, C, Y, and W (Men-C-ACYW) vaccines (Nimenrix®, Menveo® or MenQuadfi®. Note: Menactra® is no longer manufactured) for the routine childhood immunization program. While the program change will provide broader protection against additional serogroups (A, Y and W), the program change is driven by a discontinuation of Men-C-C vaccines and is not specifically related to changes in provincial meningococcal disease epidemiology.

This is a product transition; therefore, all remaining inventory of Men-C-C vaccine should continue to be used. Once remaining stock on hand at providers offices and in public health's inventory is depleted, providers can start offering Men-C-ACWY vaccine for the 12-month dose of meningococcal vaccine. Any children who have already received Men-C-C for their infant/childhood doses are not to receive additional doses of Men-C-ACWY.

Under the updated publicly funded program, two doses of Men-C-ACYW are recommended, one dose administered at:

- 12 months of age; and
- in Grade 7

Note: Individuals born on or after 1997, who have not previously received a publicly funded dose of Men-C-ACYW are eligible to receive one dose, regardless of previous receipt of Men-C-C vaccine.

For additional information on the Meningococcal Vaccine Program Transition, see the [Ministry of Health Qs & As for Health Care Providers: Meningococcal Vaccine Transition](#).

High School Suspension Orders Being Mailed – Suspension Day September 22nd, 2026

In follow up to the [Public Health Alert on May 4, 2026](#), suspension orders under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) are being mailed to high school students in grade 11 & 12 (birth year 2009 & 2010) the week of August 24th. **These suspension orders will be effective on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, if**

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the required information is not received by the health unit at that time. These students were mailed reminder letters in May 2026.

Varicella Vaccine Required for 2010 Cohort

As per [ISPA](#), students born in 2010 and after are required to have two doses of varicella vaccine on or after their first birthday. This will be the first high school cohort we enforce suspensions for varicella vaccine.

- If a student had **clinically diagnosed** varicella disease **after 12 months of age** and has not been vaccinated for varicella, a [Statement of Medical Exemption Form](#) must be completed by their physician or NP and faxed to the health unit at 705-726-3962. If the infection was not clinically diagnosed, the student must continue to be vaccinated.
- If a student had varicella disease before 12 months of age, the student must continue to be vaccinated with two doses of varicella vaccine after their first birthday as varicella disease at less than 12 months of age has been associated with an increased risk of a second episode of varicella.
- If a family refuses to have a student vaccinated with varicella vaccine as above, they will need to contact the health unit to initiate the Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief Affidavit process.

Key Message for Primary Care Providers:

- **The health unit will be offering immunization clinics at all high schools in September prior to suspension day.** Families will be able to access the school clinic schedule on our website soon.
- A reminder that parents are required to report all immunization information to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine. This information can be reported to public health online 24/7 at www.smdhu.org/immsonline or by calling 705-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- If a family has chosen not to vaccinate, or the student has not received all the vaccines required by ISPA, the parent needs to contact the health unit to speak to an immunization nurse to initiate the Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief Affidavit process.
- If a student cannot receive a vaccine for a medical reason, then a [medical exemption form](#) must be completed and submitted to the health unit.

RSV mAb (Beyfortus®) for Babies Born April through September 2026

To ensure that all eligible babies have protection against RSV leading into the respiratory season, babies born from April through September should be given RSV mAb (Beyfortus®) as part of their routine immunization schedule at one of their routine appointments this Fall. Beyfortus® was offered after birth in hospital until ~April 17, 2026, so babies born after this time would not have received this important protection. We wanted to provide this information now to inform planning for the fall as new parents are booking their appointments for their babies. More information about the 2026/27 Infant RSV prevention program and all other fall respiratory vaccines will be shared in September.