

## **School Immunization Surveillance Program and Menactra® (Meningococcal Groups A,C,Y, W-135) Catch-up School Immunization Program for High School Students December 2015 - August 2016**

**Attention:** Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Family Health Teams

**Date:** December 7, 2015

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**In July 2014 the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) was amended to include the requirement of vaccination for the following three additional diseases: pertussis, meningococcal and varicella.** The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) has begun to review student immunization records for all students throughout Simcoe and Muskoka who are currently in Grade 2, Grade 3 and secondary school. Students with incomplete immunization records will be receiving a questionnaire from the health unit advising them that their immunization record on file with the health unit is not current. Many students will likely have received immunization from their health care provider already but have not informed the health unit. In order to 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.
- Refer to SMDHU catch up clinics for immunization appointments.
- When necessary, provide a Statement of Medical Exemption form that can be accessed via SMDHU website under the forms section within the health care professionals – primary care portal: [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)

If a decision is made not to immunize 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 and returned once notarized.

Note:

- **Immunizations for MMR and meningococcal must be given on or after first birthday to be considered a valid dose.**
- **Varicella vaccine is required for student born in 2010 or later.**

Since September 2009, Grade 7 students have been offered Men-C-ACYW vaccine (Menactra®) in Grade 7 as part of the school immunization program. It is important to note that this vaccine is now a required vaccine under the ISPA. There may be some high school students who declined this vaccine in Grade 7 and now need it to meet the ISPA requirements. The meningococcal conjugate ACYW-135 (Men-C-ACYW) known as Menactra® vaccine for adolescents will continue to be administered through routine school-based immunization clinics to Grade 7 students in the spring of 2016.

**To provide options for high school students who require Menactra®, the health unit will release this vaccine to health care providers to maintain a limited supply. This offer is exclusively for high school students only. Your office can order Menactra® between December 2015 - August 2016.**

Included in this health fax are the vaccine order forms for the Menactra® Catch-up School Immunization Program. If students are immunized at their HCP office, the immunization information must be shared with the SMDHU. Immunization information can be provided by going to health unit website, or faxing to: 705 - 726- 3962 or calling Health Connection at 705-721-7520, or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.



If you have any questions regarding the vaccine ordering process please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8808.

For additional background information, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term care has developed a fact sheet and a Q&A document for health care providers about the updated immunization requirements for school attendance. These documents are available on the ministry website in both English and French:

Changes to immunization requirements for school attendance: information for health care providers  
[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/docs/ispa\\_hcp\\_fs\\_en.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/docs/ispa_hcp_fs_en.pdf)

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Thank you for assisting students to meet the ISPA requirements and boost coverage rates in the County of Simcoe and District of Muskoka.

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

Location to be picked up (please check):

Barrie     Collingwood     Cookstown     Midland

VIM Order # (for office use only): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Gravenhurst Vaccine Order Form  
For Huntsville, Gravenhurst and Orillia area  
Gravenhurst Fax: 705-684-9834

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Location to be picked up (please check):

Gravenhurst     Huntsville     Orillia

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