

Back to School Vaccine Program Updates

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Family Health Teams, Walk-in Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, NSM LHIN, Central LHIN

Date: October 3, 2017

Now that students are back to school the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program would like to share the following five updates:

1. School Immunization Program for Grade 7 Students

Immunization nurses from the health unit will be offering the School Immunization Program to all grade 7 students as follows:

1 st School Visit: October to December 2017	2 nd School Visit: April to June 2018
Hepatitis B vaccine - Dose #1 Meningitis vaccine HPV 9 vaccine - Dose #1	Hepatitis B vaccine - Dose #2 HPV 9 vaccine - Dose #2

2. Immunization Record Review

For the 2017/2018 school year the immunization record surveillance program as per the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) will focus on the following:

- Grade 2 students (2010 birth year) – this is the first cohort of students that will be assessed for two doses of varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine.
- Grade 8 students who have not received their Meningitis (Menactra®) vaccine – this vaccine is mandatory according to ISPA since 2014.

Students in grade 8 who missed vaccines in grade 7 can call the health unit to book an appointment in one of our clinics or can receive their Menactra® vaccine from their Health Care Provider (HCP).

All grade 2 and grade 8 students, who are non-compliant with ISPA will receive an Immunization Questionnaire from the health unit this fall asking for the missing immunization information. For those students who do not submit their updated vaccination information, medical exemption or Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form (affidavit), a suspension order will be issued over the winter of 2018.



3. High School Students

Adolescents require the following immunizations:

- One dose of Menactra® (during or after grade 7)
- 14-16 year old booster of Tdap

These vaccines are mandatory according to ISPA.

Note: While Menactra® is not a vaccine that is routinely ordered and stocked by HCPs, you can order a small quantity to have on hand for any students who did not receive their grade 7 dose using the attached Menactra® order forms.

4. Enhanced Online Immunization Reporting System - ICON

SMDHU has recently launched a new provincial online immunization reporting system known as ICON (Immunization Connect Ontario). This system can be accessed at www.smdhu.org/immsonline. Parents can use this system to:

- Update their child's immunization record for public health. This system is a way for parents to securely send us their child's updated immunization information at their convenience.
- Access a copy of their immunization record, provided it is in the provincial Immunization Registry Panorama. The Panorama system primarily contains immunization records for people born in 1991 or later.

Note: Those born 1975 to 1990 who went to school in Simcoe County or the District of Muskoka may contact the health unit directly to request a copy of their immunization record. Those born before 1975 would need to access their record through their health care provider.

5. New Form and Mandatory Immunization Education Session for Parents Requesting an Affidavit

Effective September 1, 2017, any parent/guardian who wants to file a new Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form (affidavit) under the Immunizations of School Pupils Act (ISPA) for their child will need to complete an educational session at the health unit and have the new affidavit form notarized. Please direct any parent wanting to file an affidavit to contact the health unit at the number below. For more information on this new process and to receive the new affidavit form contact us at the phone number below.

If you have any questions, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 ext. 8827 /toll-free 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8827 or visit our website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.



**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

Date: _____

Facility Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Facility Fax #: _____

Facility Contact: _____ # of Fridges: _____ Type: Bar Domestic Purpose Built

- 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	
Menactra® <u>High school students only who have received notice from SMDHU</u> Meningococcal (Groups A, C, Y and W-135) Polysaccharide Diphtheria Toxoid Conjugate Vaccine	_____ Current # of doses Have previous doses of Menactra® that have been given been reported to SMDHU? __Yes __No	_____ Requested # of doses	
To share your client's immunization record go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline fax to 705-726-3962 or call <i>Health Connection</i> 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520			

Location to be picked up (please check):

Barrie Collingwood Cookstown Midland

VIM Order # (for office use only): _____

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Location to be picked up (please check):

Gravenhurst Huntsville Orillia

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