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Important Immunization Update from Peterborough Public Health

Interruptions to school and health services during the pandemic have resulted in many students with missed routine vaccinations. Key immunization information and updates by age or grade are listed below. To prevent outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases Peterborough Public Health is asking parents/guardians to:

- **Check** your child's immunization record using the online portal at [Peterborough Public Health-Immunization Connect \(ehealthontario.ca\)](http://Peterborough Public Health-Immunization Connect (ehealthontario.ca)) or by calling Peterborough Public Health at 705-743-1000 ext. 139.
- **Book** an appointment with your health care provider if your child is due for vaccinations. If you do not have a health care provider you can contact the Peterborough Virtual Care Clinic at 705-536-0882 or call 705-743-1000 ext. 131.
- **Report** any immunization updates to Peterborough Public Health using the online portal, by calling 705-743-1000 ext. 139, fax to 705-743-2897, or mail to 185 King Street Peterborough, Ontario K9J 2R8 Attention: Immunization Program.

Key Immunization Information

Four to Six-Year-Old Vaccines

Children routinely receive 2 vaccines between the ages of 4 to 6 from their health care provider. These vaccines are for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (MMR-V) and tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, and polio (Tdap-IPV).

Students in Grades Seven, Eight, and Nine

Prior to the pandemic public health provided school-based clinics for grade 7 students. Students were offered the following three vaccines at school:

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) – 2 doses
- Hepatitis B – 2 doses
- Meningococcal – 1 dose (required for school)

More information about these vaccines can be found at Peterborough Public Health

Current Grade 7 students will be offered these vaccines at school during the 2022-2023 school year.

Grade 8 and 9 students may be unvaccinated or partially vaccinated and in need of "catch-up". **Health care providers in the Peterborough area are supporting catch-up by providing these vaccines in their offices for their patients currently in grades 8 and 9.** If you are unsure which vaccines your child has already received or may need you can check their immunization record online at [Peterborough Public Health- Immunization Connect \(ehealthontario.ca\)](http://Peterborough Public Health- Immunization Connect (ehealthontario.ca)) or by calling 705-743-1000 ext. 139.

Fourteen to Sixteen-Year-Old Vaccine Booster

Youth routinely receive a 1 vaccine between the ages of 14 to 16 from their health care provider. This is a booster dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap).

Please note: these vaccines can be given at the same time or any time before or after the COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information please contact Peterborough Public Health, Immunization Program at 705743-1000 ext. 131.