



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Summer Vaccine Catch-up Clinics for students in grades 7 to 12**

**HAMILTON, ON** – Hamilton Public Health Services will offer catch-up summer vaccination clinics for students currently in grades 7 to 12 who missed their vaccines due to school closures during the pandemic emergency. These catch-up clinics will provide eligible students the opportunity to receive missed vaccines at one location. Students will have their vaccination record assessed at the clinic visit and can receive their first, second or third doses as required at these clinics.

#### **This vaccination series protects youth in our community from:**

- Hepatitis B (Hep B)
- Meningococcal ACYW-135
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)

For additional information about the clinics and to book an appointment online, please visit: [www.hamilton.ca/schoolclinics](http://www.hamilton.ca/schoolclinics). Individuals can also call the Vaccine booking line at 905-974-9848 opt 7 to book an appointment. Locations and appointments will be available throughout the months of July and August 2023.

If an individual received any of their previous doses at their family practitioner's office and would like the next dose in the series, they are asked to update their records online, or bring proof of vaccine with them to their appointment.

Parents and guardians are asked to update their youth's vaccination records. More information on how to update these records can be found by visiting the [Reporting Vaccines webpage](#) or by calling 905-540-5250.

#### **Quick Facts**

- It is estimated that close to 8,200 students in grades 9 and 10 are behind in their Hepatitis B vaccine, over 7,400 students in grades 7 to 12 do not have an updated

Meningitis vaccine record and just over 5,000 students in grades 11 and 12 do not have an updated Tetanus vaccine record.

- Appointments will be available at multiple local school locations for the months of July and August. Vaccine clinics hours and days of operation will be adjusted as needed and as additional sites are confirmed.
- Students will also be given the opportunity to receive COVID-19 booster doses at these clinics if eligible.
- Consent will be obtained on-site and is not needed ahead of time.
- Review the facts and information about each vaccination your child will be consenting to receive. Information about each vaccination can be found at [www.hamilton.ca/vaccines](http://www.hamilton.ca/vaccines).

### **Additional Resources**

- [www.hamilton.ca/schoolclinics](http://www.hamilton.ca/schoolclinics)
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