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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

FROM: Dr. Joanna Oda, Associate Medical Officer of Health

DATE: March 3, 2023

RE: **Halton Region Public Health Offering March Break Community Immunization Clinics**

QUICK FACTS

- Halton Region Public Health is offering community immunization clinics for students in grades 9 through 12, weekdays from **Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 24, 2023**.
- Eligible students will be offered the following vaccines:

Vaccines Available at March Break Clinics	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Usually given in grade seven school-based clinics. </div>	Human Papillomavirus – HPV
	Hepatitis B – HB
	Meningococcal Conjugate-ACYW-135
	Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio – Tdap-IPV
	Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis – Tdap
	Inactivated Poliomyelitis – IPV
	Measles, Mumps, Rubella – MMR
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Vaccines required for school attendance under the <i>Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)</i>. </div>

KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- The Ministry of Health has [extended eligibility](#) for school-based vaccines to August 31, 2023.
- If you have eligible students in your practice, and would like them to attend a community immunization clinic, please contact them and encourage that they book an appointment at [Halton.ca/immunize](https://halton.ca/immunize).
- If you have ordered and received any of the above vaccines for individual patients (through special order process), have them receive their immunizations at your practice. Please also remind them to report any doses administered by visiting [Halton.ca/immunize](https://halton.ca/immunize).
- Special orders for school-based vaccines will continue to be processed as usual. Refer to [Vaccine Delivery Schedule](#).

KEY MESSAGES FOR PATIENTS

- Parents/guardians are responsible for updating their child’s online immunization record every time they receive vaccines from their healthcare provider.
- Parents/guardians can view and update online immunization records at [Halton.ca/immunize](https://halton.ca/immunize).
- Parents/guardians can also visit [Halton.ca/immunize](https://halton.ca/immunize) to book an appointment at a community immunization clinic.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario](#), Ministry of Health

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (only report COVID-19 cases occurring in high-risk settings) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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