

Vaccinations for Children & Youth



Date: April 27, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

Re: Vaccination Clinic at Sir John A MacDonald Collegiate Institute

Toronto Public Health (TPH) is offering Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal vaccines for students in grade 7 to 12 who have missed starting or completing their vaccine series at schools due to COVID-19 disruptions. We are writing to let you know that Hepatitis B, HPV, Meningococcal and COVID-19 vaccines will be available for students at a clinic at **Sir John A MacDonald Collegiate Institute** on **Saturday, May 14, 2022, 12:00pm – 6:00pm**. Students are highly encouraged to use the [appointment booking link](#) to schedule an appointment. Please note that walk-ins are accepted at school clinics, however those with booked appointments will be prioritized for their booked time slot.

As previously shared, these vaccines are also available for eligible students at City of Toronto immunization clinics, free of cost, by appointment only. To book an appointment at a City of Toronto immunization clinic, click [here](#).

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Under Ontario's Immunization of School Pupil Act (ISPA), all students are required to be up-to-date with Meningococcal vaccines or have a [valid exemption](#). Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines prevent cancers and are voluntary for school attendance.

Evidence shows that immunization has saved more lives than any other public health intervention. Vaccines are safe, effective and one of the most important ways to improve health worldwide and prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Vaccinating children and youth helps protect them against infectious diseases and some cancers, and can prevent children and youth from passing on an infection to other vulnerable people in the family or community. The COVID-19 vaccine can be administered at the same time as, or any time before or after, these school-based vaccines.

Students who would like to be vaccinated with one or more school-based vaccines and/or the COVID-19 vaccine at the school's clinic on **Saturday, May 14, 2022** should do the following:

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1. Read the Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Meningococcal and COVID-19 vaccine fact sheets.
2. Complete the attached consent form(s);
 - a. Students under 14 years of age require a signed consent from a parent/guardian.
 - b. Students who are 14 years of age and older who are capable of making the decision can give informed consent. This means they must understand information about the vaccine, why it is being recommended and what will happen if they accept or refuse vaccination.
3. Bring a **copy** of the student's immunization record and health card, if available, or other identification.
4. Have the consent form(s) completed and available for the nurse on the day of the clinic.
5. Wear a mask while attending the clinic.

If the student is attending a school clinic after school hours or on the weekend:

- One parent/guardian can accompany the student to the clinic.
- Students younger than 14 years of age should attend these clinics with a parent/guardian who must sign the [School Immunizations consent form](#) in order to receive Hepatitis B, HPV and/or Meningococcal vaccines.
- Students younger than 12 years of age should attend these clinics with a parent/guardian who must sign the [COVID-19 consent form](#) in order to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information about these vaccines speak to your health care provider or call Toronto Public Health at 416-338-7600, Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Interpretation services are available.

Sincerely,
Toronto Public Health