

# PHO Releases Hep B Vaccine Resource to Aid with Immunizations

## Update to York Region health care providers as of September 20, 2022

Public Health Ontario (PHO) has recently released a resource to support health care providers in their assessment of hepatitis B (HB) immunization schedules to provide catch-up to individuals who have not yet completed their (HB) immunization series.

[The HB resource from PHO](#) can help you assess your patient's needs and determine what their next step should be to complete their HB immunization. The guide provides technical advice to reinforce immunization practices, catch-up principles, and HB immunization schedules as per the Canadian Immunization Guide and the Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many York Region residents have missed routine immunizations.

York Region Public Health (YRPH) has resumed [in-school clinics](#) to vaccinate children against Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal (Men-ACYW) disease to help students catch-up on doses missed during the pandemic.

In addition to school clinics, eligible students can access these important immunizations through YRPH [Community Clinics](#) for students in Grade 7 to 12. Additional students may be eligible through the Ministry of Health's expanded eligibility criteria for student immunizations as outlined in the [Guidance for Routine & Catch up Immunization Services](#)

Other routine childhood immunizations that children typically get through their doctor's office (e.g., polio, meningococcal C-C, measles, mumps, rubella, etc.) remain an important tool to support the health and safety of children and the community and are required under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.

Please review your patients' immunization records with them to ensure they are up to date on all routine vaccinations. Publicly-funded immunizations can be ordered through YRPH by visiting our [Vaccination Information for Healthcare Professionals page](#). Please remind families to inform YRPH of any doses received using our [online immunization form](#) to ensure their record on file is current.

In addition, you can also administer student catch up vaccines in your practice for students who are unable to be immunized in a York Region Public Health community or school immunization clinic. Use the [Grade 7 School Vaccines Order Form](#) to order HB, HPV and Meningococcal C-ACYW-135 vaccines and submit the form to [vaccineinformationline@york.ca](mailto:vaccineinformationline@york.ca) or fax to 1-866-258-2026. Please encourage your patients or their parents/guardians to report doses received to York Region Public Health for their immunization records.

### Contact York Region Public Health

We are here to help. If you have any questions, call our dedicated health care professional line at **1-877-464-9675 ext. 77280** (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) or visit [york.ca/healthprofessionals](http://york.ca/healthprofessionals)

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