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Parents/Guardians of Grade 7 Students:

All grade 7 students are eligible for the Meningococcal ACYW-135 (Menactra), Hepatitis B and Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines free of charge. Attached is the consent form and information sheet for these three vaccines. Vaccine clinics will be held in schools.

The Medical Officer of Health highly recommends the Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines to help protect your child against disease.

The meningococcal disease vaccine is **MANDATORY** under the Immunization of School Pupils Act for children attending school.

NOTE: Even though your child may have received a meningococcal vaccine when they were an infant, this vaccine is different from the vaccine to be administered in grade 7. The meningococcal vaccine received in infancy, Menjugate®, protects against one type of the bacteria that causes the disease. The vaccine for grade 7 students, Menactra®, is different because it protects against four types of the bacteria (ACYW-135) that cause meningococcal disease.

Instructions:

1. READ the information sheet
2. COMPLETE the consent form
3. RETURN the consent form to the school

Only those who have completed and signed the consent forms will be immunized. Clinic dates for schools are posted at www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca search [Clinics & Classes | Clinics | Vaccine Clinics | School Immunization Clinics](#). Those who are unable to attend these clinic dates can make an appointment for the evening catch-up clinics or the Routine Immunization Clinic at 705-743-1000, ext. 129 at Peterborough Public Health.

If your child has already received any of these vaccines please call Peterborough Public Health at 705-743-1000, ext. 139 to report the vaccination dates or enter it online at www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca. If you have questions, call a Vaccine Preventable Disease Nurse at 705-743-1000, ext. 131.