# M **Toronto** Public Health

# **Grade 7** Teacher's Package

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## Teachers play a vital role in keeping their students healthy

Toronto Public Health will visit your school two times this school year to provide free vaccination to Grade 7 students:



- 1. Meningococcal Vaccine
- 2. Hepatitis B Vaccine
- 3. Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (New)

Your school clinic dates may change based on school events. Please confirm clinic dates with your school administrative staff. Write down the clinic dates for your class planning:

Your first school clinic dates is:

### **Teacher's Checklist for consent forms**



Distribute consent package to all Grade 7 students
Remind students to return signed consent forms
Collect completed consent forms and keep in envelope provided
Keep all the completed consent forms together by class
Attach a Class List with the consent package
Class List should have student names and their date of birth
Bring the envelope to the immunization clinic with you

#### Teacher's Role on the day of the clinic

- Accompany your class to the clinic location
- Bring all the consent forms to the clinic with you
- Keep the students calm to ensure a safe clinic environment
- Stay with your class, the nurses need to observe the students to ensure there are no allergic reactions
- Ask students to take the immunization record home to their parent or guardian



#### **Disease and Vaccine Facts**

**Meningococcal disease** is very rare, but when it strikes, the disease can progress rapidly and with serious consequences. Complications include organ failure, shock, amputations or death. The vaccine Toronto Public Health offers protects against four bacterial strains. Vaccination against meningococcal disease is mandatory for school attendance.

**Hepatitis B virus** can survive on dry surfaces for up to 7 days. It spreads through contact with infected blood and body fluids. Complications from this infection include liver damage or cancer. Only 2-doses are needed for youth 11 to 15 years of age, given at least six months apart.

**Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection** is very common. There are over 100 different strains of HPV. Infections may lead to genital warts, cancer of the cervix, genitals or head and neck. Only 2-doses are needed for youth 9 to 13 years of age, given at least six months apart.

Keep students healthy and prevent them from cancer.