

Dear St. Edmund Catholic Elementary School Families,

Peel Public Health will offer a free immunization clinic for Grade 7 and 8 students attending St. Edmund Catholic Elementary School on **Friday, March 21, 2025**, starting at approximately 9:00 am until 11:30 am. **Please note:** the team may leave earlier if all eligible students have been seen. This will be the **Choose an item** clinic visit for the school year.

Vaccines offered:

- **Meningococcal ACYW-135** helps protect against inflammation of the lining of the brain caused by certain bacteria. **This one-dose vaccine is required to attend school in Ontario**, unless a valid exemption is provided.
- **Hepatitis B (Hep B)** helps protect against liver disease and cancer caused by the hepatitis B virus. Please check your child's vaccination record to see if they received some or all their Hepatitis B vaccinations (e.g. TWINRIX®).
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9)** can prevent certain cancers later in life.

Please visit peelregion.ca/health/vaccinations/school-vaccination-program#consent to learn more about the vaccinations being offered.

These vaccines are all free for students. Some vaccines are publicly funded for a limited time, and the student may only be eligible until a certain age.

Immunization consent process:

- If you have **not** yet provided consent, visit **School vaccination program** at peelregion.ca/immunize to download, print, and complete the consent form. The completed consent form must be returned to the school with your child on or before the day of the clinic.
- When you provide consent for the Hep B or HPV-9 vaccines, you are providing consent for all the doses in each two-dose vaccine series, unless Peel Public Health is notified of a change in consent
- Once you provide consent (online, written, or verbal), your child may receive their immunization at any Region of Peel clinic, including school and community locations. For example, if your child gets their first dose at a community clinic, they may get their next dose at a school clinic without needing a new consent form, unless Peel Public Health is notified of a change in consent.

Don't know if your child has had these vaccines?

You can check immunization records online through the [Immunize Connect Ontario \(ICON\) website](http://immunizeconnectontario.ca). **If you have an immunization record (yellow card), please review it to see which vaccines your child requires, and have your child bring a copy of the record to school with them on the day of the clinic.** If you are still not sure what your child needs, consult their doctor or contact Peel Public Health at **905-799-7700** (toll-free: **1-888-919-7800**).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. You can find more information about immunizations at peelregion.ca/immunize.

Sincerely,

Immunization Services Division
Peel Public Health