

## Updates from Public Health

With the necessary re-allocation of services and supports, Public Health has had to postpone some traditional services. Below is a short summary of information about two of these services, typically done in cooperation with the elementary schools.

### **School Vaccine Program Information for Grade 7 and 8 Students**

- Unfortunately, due to school closures and redeployment of Public Health staff, grade 7 school vaccine clinics were cancelled in the spring of 2020 (current grade 8 students). Additionally, the vaccine clinics for current grade 7 students were also cancelled.
- Currently, grade 8 students remain eligible for publicly funded hepatitis B vaccine until Aug. 31, 2021
  - Students remain eligible for the publicly funded meningococcal vaccine (Men-C-ACYW) until the vaccine is received
  - Students currently in grades 7 and 8 can still receive the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for free until they finish high school
- Public Health is looking at opportunities to provide both grade 7 and 8 vaccine clinics throughout Niagara
- We will reach out to you when more information is available
- To learn more about vaccines or to report your child's vaccinations, visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/vaccinations/default.aspx>

### **Oral Health Screening for Elementary School Students**

- Due to COVID-19, public health dental staff have not been able to provide school dental screenings in the 2020-2021 school year
- Unfortunately, we do not expect to be able to return to schools this year. If your child is in need of dental coverage, our dental staff can help families access free dental care.
- We are planning to re-open our dental clinics soon. We will provide you with an update once services resume.
- If your child is experiencing dental pain or discomfort, please connect with our dental program at [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health) search "dental" or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399

Thank you,

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