



# Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



## School-Based Vaccines: Extended Eligibility Update

Due to COVID-19, students in grades 7 to 12 may not be up-to-date on school-based vaccinations. Typically, **Men-C-ACYW135, Hepatitis B (HB), and Human Papilloma Virus 9 (HPV-9)** vaccines are offered to students through Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) school-based vaccine clinics.

To ensure students remain safe from vaccine preventable diseases and to maintain a high level of herd immunity, the Ministry of Health (MOH) has **extended eligibility** for the **Men-C-ACYW135, HB, and HPV vaccines**. Students who initiated the HB or HPV-9 series should **complete the series at the earliest opportunity**. **It is not required to restart the series** regardless of the length of the delay. Refer to chart for extended eligibility including vaccines, **applicable cohorts and deadlines** to receive missed doses.

| Vaccine & Product                      | Eligibility                                     | Impacted Cohorts   | Eligible for Missed Doses Until                    |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>HB</b><br>(Engerix-B or Recombivax) | Grades 7 to 12.                                 | Grade 9 students in the 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23 school years (born in 2006, 2007, or 2008).  | Complete series by <b>August 31, 2023</b> .        |
| <b>HPV-9</b><br>(Gardasil 9)           | Grades 7 to 12.                                 | <b>Female students</b> who graduated in the 2019/20, and 2020/21 school years (born in 2002, 2003) and <b>all students</b> who graduated in the 2021/22 school years (born in 2004). | Complete series by <b>August 31, 2023</b> .        |
| <b>Men-C-ACYW135</b><br>(Nimenrix)     | Grades 7 to 12 and those born in or after 1997. | N/A.   | <b>Remains eligible until vaccine is received.</b> |

Please review [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario](#) and the [Canadian Immunization Guide](#) for additional information on **vaccines, schedules and intervals**.

Please continue to order school-based vaccines for eligible students by accessing the [School Based Vaccines: Individual Client Grade 7-12](#) or [School-Based Vaccine Batch Order](#) forms located on [durham.ca/hcp](http://durham.ca/hcp) (Found under “Forms” > “Order”).

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | [durham.ca/health](http://durham.ca/health)

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

