

June 19, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Re: Toronto Public Health School Immunization Program (SIP) missed clinic date**

Toronto Public Health (TPH) is offering free Hepatitis B (Hep B), Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal vaccines to grades 7 and 8 students in most schools across the city through the School Immunization Program (SIP).

Under Ontario's [Immunization of School Pupil Act](#) (ISPA), all students 12 years of age or older are required to be up-to-date with the Meningococcal vaccine or have a valid exemption. Hep B and HPV vaccines are voluntary but are highly recommended as they prevent several types of illness including cancer.

**Where to get vaccinated**

If your child was unable to attend their school clinic or if your school did not have a vaccine clinic, you can book an appointment at one of TPH's community clinics:

- Etobicoke Civic Centre: 399 The West Mall
- Scarborough Civic Centre: 150 Borough Drive
- North York Civic Centre: 5100 Yonge Street

Hours of operation:

- Tuesday to Thursday
- 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Next steps**

Students who are not currently up-to-date with their vaccinations should:

- Book an appointment at a TPH community clinic by visiting [TPHBookings.ca](#).
- Review the [Childhood Vaccines Quick Reference Guide](#) for further information.
- Bring a copy of their yellow immunization card and health card on the day of the clinic (if available).
- Wear a loose-sleeved shirt while attending the clinic.

Students can also get the vaccines for free from some health care providers and walk in clinics.

**Already Vaccinated?**

If a student has received one or more vaccines from their health care provider, please [report the students' vaccination\(s\)](#) to TPH using the Immunization Connect Ontario ([ICON](#)) online tool.

For more information, visit the [School Immunization Program](#) webpage, talk to your health care provider, or make an appointment at the [VaxFacts clinic](#) to speak to a doctor over the phone. You can also call TPH at 416-338-7600, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Service is available in multiple languages.

Thank you for your ongoing support to keep all students healthy.

Sincerely,



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