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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 students,

As the Grade 7 School Immunization program was interrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Region of Waterloo is collaborating with schools to provide Grade 8 students an opportunity to catch up on the Meningococcal vaccine (Men-ACYW-135).

Due to capacity limitations, Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus (HPV), normally offered in Grade 7, will not be available at our catch up clinics. Your child can receive all three vaccines from your family doctor or at a Public Health clinic [site](#).

**How to consent for your child's immunization at school:**

1. Review the information sheets for the Meningococcal ([Men-ACYW-135](#)) and [COVID-19](#) vaccines and discuss with your child. If you require this information in another language, visit the Region of Waterloo website and use the Google translate feature or contact us using the information below.

If you think your child already received the Meningococcal vaccine, please check with your family doctor and update their records at this link: <https://rowph.icon.ehealthontario.ca/#!/welcome>

- Most children born in Ontario will have received a Meningococcal vaccine (Men-C) at 1 year of age, and some parents may have opted to pay for a Men-ACYW-135 vaccine at an earlier age.

2. Complete the online consent form so your child can be immunized at their school clinic in February or March: <https://surveys.regionofwaterloo.ca/gr8consent>

If you choose to withdraw your consent later on, please use the link below:

<https://surveys.regionofwaterloo.ca/gr8withdraw>

If you have any questions, want more information about the vaccines or need an alternate format of this letter, please email: [schoolcatchup@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:schoolcatchup@regionofwaterloo.ca); or call and leave a message at 519-575-4400 ext. 3029.

Sincerely,

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