

**Health
Services**

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Dear **San Lorenzo Ruiz Elementary School** Families,

Peel Public Health will offer an immunization clinic for students attending **San Lorenzo Ruiz Elementary School** on **Monday, October 28, 2024**, starting at approximately **9:00 am** until **11:00 am**. **Please note:** the team may leave earlier if all eligible students have been seen.

To help protect against serious diseases, students in Grades 7 and up can get some or all the vaccines listed below, depending on the availability at the time of the clinic. After the first school clinic, a follow-up school-based clinic will be scheduled with the school to administer any outstanding vaccines or to complete a series (see table below). Please check with your child's school for the next clinic date. If a student is unable to receive their immunizations at school (i.e. vacation or illness), appointments can be scheduled [here](#).

- **Meningococcal ACYW-135** helps protect against inflammation of the lining of the brain caused by certain bacteria. This vaccine is required to go to school in Ontario.
- **Hepatitis B (Hep B)** helps protect against disease affecting the liver, caused by the hepatitis B virus.
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9)** can prevent certain cancers later in life.

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.

Consent process:

- If you have not provided consent, visit peelregion.ca/immunize and follow instructions to download and complete the consent form. Return the consent form to the school with your child on or before the day of the clinic.
- You only need to provide one consent for both Hep B and HPV vaccines for all doses in the series. You should only submit a new consent if you change your mind.
- If you need help with completing consent, please call the Peel Public Health (905-799-7700) Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- Students under 14 years of age require Parent/Substitute Decision Maker to give consent. Students 14 years of age and older may sign their own consent. Students 16 years of age and older must sign their own consent, if capable. To sign their own consent, the student needs to understand the treatment and why it is being recommended, and they also need to understand the risks and benefits of getting a vaccine.

If you have the immunization record (yellow card), please send a copy of it with the student on the day of the clinic.

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The table below tells you the age and number of doses needed for each vaccine.

Meningococcal ACYW-135 (Required to go to school in Peel Region)	
Grades 7-12	1 dose only
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	
11-15 years* (Grade 7 and up only) (2-dose schedule)	1 st dose 2 nd dose given 6 months after 1 st dose (24 weeks)
16-19 years (3-dose schedule)	1 st dose 2 nd dose given 1 month (4 weeks) after 1 st dose 3 rd dose given 5 months (20 weeks) after 2 nd dose
Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9)	
11-14 years* (Grade 7 and up only) (2-dose schedule)	1 st dose 2 nd dose given 6 months after 1 st dose (24 weeks)
15 years and over (3-dose schedule)	1 st dose 2 nd dose given 2 months (8 weeks) after 1 st dose 3 rd dose given 4 months (16 weeks) after 2 nd dose

*Immunocompromised individuals in this age group may require a 3-dose series.

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

Please look at your child's immunization record (yellow card). You can also check immunization records online here: [Immunize Connect Ontario \(ICON\) website](http://immunizeconnectontario.ca). If you are still not sure what your child needs, please ask their doctor. You can also call 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
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