

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Health Care Provider:

The school based immunization program 2015–2016 for all grade 7 students now includes the HPV vaccine for boys, as well as the quadrivalent meningococcal vaccine. This year the vaccine schedule is as follows.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Menveo (Men)</li><li>• Gardasil (HPV)</li><li>• Energix–B (Hep B)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boostrix (Tdap)</li><li>• Gardasil (HPV)</li><li>• Engerix–B (Hep B)</li></ul>

Public Health works closely with students and families to address pain, needle phobia or anxiety related to immunization as the major barriers to adolescent acceptance of vaccines. In special circumstances Public Health will refer clients to the IWK for support in managing pain and anxiety, and our goal is to provide the support so all students can be immunized at their school clinics.

As an additional resource the following videos have been developed to support parents: <https://vimeo.com/134234183> and students: <https://vimeo.com/134234182>.

If you have questions about the school based immunization program, or are working with a family which may require additional support for success in the school immunization program, please feel free to contact me at 902–481–1889.

Sincerely,



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