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From the Office of Dr. Joyce Lock, Medical Officer of Health, Southwestern Public Health

Immunization Record Review for Secondary School Students

In October, secondary school students will receive notices from Southwestern Public Health if their immunization records are not up to date. Students who are missing immunizations are required to have them administered by the following dates to avoid school suspension.

- **St. Thomas Site: December 17, 2019**
- **Woodstock Site: December 20, 2019**

Some students who are up to date will receive notices. This means public health has not received an updated record. Please provide records for them to share with public health. Please review your vaccine inventory and order vaccine if necessary.

Secondary school-age immunizations

Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)

Adolescents require a dose of Tdap vaccine 10 years after their last booster dose. This is usually age 14-16.

Meningococcal Immunization

Childhood and adolescent meningococcal vaccines are not interchangeable. Students in grade 7 and up require Men-C-ACYW135 (Menactra). If you need this vaccine, please order from us using the yellow tear off pad provided to you at your fridge inspection. Order forms are also available at

www.swpublichealth.ca/vaccineorderforms

Medical Exemptions

If your patient requires an immunization exemption for medical reasons, please complete a statement of medical exemption found at: <https://www.swpublichealth.ca/clinics-classes-forms/forms/medical-immunization-exemption-forms>

We look forward to working with you in the coming months. Thank you for your efforts to protect the health of children attending schools in our community, as well as the broader community.

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