# Health for All Schools E-NewsLetter

For Educators in Renfrew County and District

## **Dental & Vision Screenings**

Ontario Ministry of Health mandates Dental and Vision Screening programs. Due to COVID–19, these programs have been on hold since March 2020.

## Both programs will resume this school year.

- Dental Screenings will be for students in JK, SK, Grades 1, 2 & 3.
- Vision Screenings will be for all SK students



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You will receive a paper package, followed by a digital package with more information in the coming weeks. Screenings will be scheduled starting late September and will continue until May. RCDHU will contact you to book your clinic date(s).

If you have any questions, contact dental@rcdhu.com, vision@rcdhu.com or 613-735-8661.

## **Grade 7 School Immunizations**

The Ontario Ministry of Health offers free Meningococcal, Hepatitis B, and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines to all Grade 7 students. <u>Students must be up to date with the meningococcal</u> <u>vaccine to attend school in Ontario or have a valid exemption to avoid school suspension</u>.

On a scheduled date this fall, the RCDHU School Immunization Team will be at your school to administer the **first round of school vaccines** to Grade 7 students.

A second clinic will be scheduled with your school approximately six months following the first clinic to complete their Grade 7 Immunization series. RCDHU will contact your school the week of August 22nd to confirm the first clinic date.

### Help educate your students by:

- Using the CARD system located on the AboutKidsHealth web page
- Watching videos ("The Vaccines" and "Preparing for a School Clinic") located on the <u>RCDHU</u>
  <u>Immunization web page</u>

Should you have any questions prior to your school clinic(s), please contact us by email at schoolimmunization@rcdhu.com or by phone at **613–732–9436 or 1–833–773–0004**.

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