

## Do you have a child who will be in grade 7 or grade 9 next year?

- Several important vaccines are offered to students in grades 7 and 9 in New Brunswick
- These vaccines are free
- These vaccines are given at the school by Public Health Nurses

The following vaccines are available to students entering grade 7 or 9:

### Grade 7

- Both boys and girls are offered a vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).
- Female students **only** are also offered a vaccine that protects against the human papillomavirus (HPV), which is the leading cause of cervical cancer. It will also protect against viruses responsible for 90 percent of all genital warts.
- Grade 7 girls will receive two pamphlets.

### Grade 9

- All students in grade 9 are offered a vaccine that protects against 4 types of meningitis.
- All students in grade 9 are offered varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.
  - ❖ The chickenpox vaccine is not needed if there is a reliable parent history of chickenpox disease after one year of age or if the child has already had 2 doses of varicella vaccine. Return the consent with a “No, I do not agree” marked with the reason “had disease” or “had 2 doses of varicella vaccine”.
  - ❖ If your child had one dose of chickenpox vaccine in the past and has not had the disease, your child should receive one dose of vaccine to strengthen protection.
  - ❖ If your child had no doses of vaccine and no chickenpox disease then your child is eligible for 2 doses of vaccine; the first dose can be given at school and the 2nd dose at the Public Health office at least 3 months later. Call Public Health to make an appointment for the 2nd dose.

### Consent forms

At the beginning of the school year, Public Health will distribute the information pamphlets to students in grades 7 and 9. Students will be asked to bring these pamphlets home to their parents. Please read the information, complete and sign the attached consent form with either “I agree” or “I do not agree” and return the consent form to the school.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Public Health office. Contact information for each Public Health office is available at [Horizon Health](#)

