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# Consent Forms Going Home This Week for Grade 7/8 Student Immunization Program

### *Vaccines Will Protect Youth from Hepatitis B, Meningococcal Disease and HPV*

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The Peterborough County-City Health Unit is advising parents to watch for consent forms coming home in the next two weeks as part of this year's School Immunization Program for Grade 7 and 8 students.

"We encourage parents to keep an eye open for the pink, blue and green consent forms being sent home with their students so they can sign and return them as quickly as possible to the schools," said Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health at the Health Unit. "These vaccines are free, extremely safe and are one of the best ways parents can protect their children from these serious diseases."

All Grade 7 students will be eligible to receive vaccines to protect them against Hepatitis B (green consent form), a disease that can cause permanent liver damage, and meningococcal disease (blue consent form), a serious infection of the blood and fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Grade 8 girls are entitled to receive the vaccine for protection against HPV (Human Papillomavirus) (pink consent form), a virus that can lead to genital warts and cervical cancer.

For parents that wish to access consent forms directly, please visit:  
[www.pcchu.ca/immunization](http://www.pcchu.ca/immunization).

Public Health nurses will be in schools giving immunizations throughout the fall so it is very important to return the consent forms to the schools so students can receive the vaccine. For further information, please call the Health Unit at (705) 743-1000.

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