

TO THE PARENTS OF SECONDARY 3 STUDENTS School vaccination 2018-2019

School: Westwood Senior

The vaccination will take place on **November 20th**.

In the context of the *Immunization Program*, some vaccines will be offered to Secondary 3 students. In Quebec, the legal age for consent to health care is 14. Your child can therefore give consent to the vaccination him/herself. This information is addressed to you in order to help your child take this decision.

Please make sure that your child has his vaccination booklet and that he/she brings it on the day of vaccination.

Two vaccines for every student

The vaccine against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus is recommended for all students, even if your child has recently received a dose of a vaccine against tetanus after an injury in order to protect him/her against whooping cough.

The meningococcal C vaccine protects against severe illnesses like meningitis and blood poisoning. A dose is recommended for all adolescents.

Vaccination update

The nurse will check your child's vaccination booklet to make sure that he/she has received vaccines recommended for his/her age against: poliomyelitis, measles, rubella, mumps, varicella (chickenpox), hepatitis A, hepatitis B and HPV. The nurse can give any missing vaccinations so that your child is fully protected against these diseases.

Beginning on September 1st 2018, the HPV vaccine will be offered to boys. Many scientific studies had demonstrated that this vaccine protects boys against the HPV that cause genital warts, penile cancer, anal cancer and throat cancer.

Students will receive 2 doses of the HPV vaccine, a dose of Gardasil 9® followed by a dose of Cervarix® six months later.

You can find more information on HPV and HPV vaccine at:

- Government of Québec : Quebec.ca/vaccination
- Public Health Agency of Canada: www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/faq-eng.php#vph
- Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada: www.infovph.ca/

Organization of school vaccination

The nurse will hand out appointment times to all secondary 3 students, a few days before the vaccination clinic. The clinic will take place in the school library. Information documents are attached in the following email concerning the vaccines, to help your child make an informed decision.

If you have any questions, you may speak with the school nurse **Christina King at 450 455-6171 extension 70333**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Christina King, infirmière clinicienne

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