

MEMO

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TO: Saskatoon and Area School Divisions

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RE: Grade Six and Eight - Immunization Updates -

Throughout the pandemic, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has put some services on hold while we tackle the many challenges of COVID-19 and the Variants of Concern. This includes sending Public Health Nurses into schools to provide grade six and eight immunizations. We are working hard to address some of the gaps that this has caused in our routine immunization programs. While some COVID-19 vaccine shipments have been delayed, we have a ‘window of opportunity’ and, we will be offering the following services:

- Grade 6 and 8 routine immunizations to children who are due this year or who may have missed their immunizations last school year. This includes:
 - Grade 6: HPV, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Meningococcal
 - Grade 8: Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis
 - It is important to note if students present and have not completed their primary series this will be offered in addition to their grade 6 & 8 vaccines.

Families can call their local public health office to book an appointment for their child to receive their series of grade six or eight immunizations. North East Public Health Office: 306-655-4700; South East Public Health Office: 306-655-4730; Our Neighborhood Health Centre: 306-655-3250; West Winds Primary Health Centre: 306-655-4275.

They will be booked as quickly as possible at the following times/locations:

- May 4 Merlis Belsher Place – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- May 5-6 Prairieland Park – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- May 11-13 Prairieland Place – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- May 14 Merlis Belsher Place – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- May 17-18 Merlis Belsher Place – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

This will **not** be the only chance to receive these vaccines and further details will follow with other immunization opportunities. These will be adjusted as resources permit.

If you or anyone in your family has been asked to self-isolate or have been identified as a close contact to a positive case of COVID-19 please wait to book your appointment until your isolation period has ended.

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For more information about the vaccines please visit:

General website:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/immunization-services>

or more detailed:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/immunization-services#immunization-forms-and-fact-sheets>