

**Health
Services**

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Dear Families and Staff,

As the new school year begins, Peel Public Health continues to support schools to provide safe learning environments for students and staff.

The following reminders will help prepare the school community for a healthy return:

- **Stay home if you're sick.** Come back to school when you don't have a fever, and your symptoms have improved for at least 24 hours (48 hours for nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea). You should wear a mask in public for 10 days after your symptoms started.
- **Practice good hygiene.** Remind children to cover coughs and sneezes with their elbows and wash hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- **Get up to date with all immunizations:**
 - **There is an increase in pertussis (whooping cough) cases in Peel and Ontario.** Parents and guardians should ensure that children are up to date with pertussis immunization and all other immunizations required for school.
 - Students in Grades 7-8 with a signed [consent form](#) can receive meningococcal, Hepatitis B, and human papillomavirus vaccines at school during school hours; no appointments are necessary. Students in Grades 8-12 who missed their opportunity to get these vaccines in school can receive catch-up vaccines at a Peel Public Health clinic by booking at <https://peelregion.inputhealth.com/ebooking> or through the QR code on Page 2.
- **Report required immunizations for school attendance:**
 - You can review your child's immunization record and report any missing immunizations at peelregion.ca/health/vaccinations/report or by scanning the QR code on Page 2. Doctors do not report vaccinations. See your healthcare provider to receive any missing childhood immunizations (e.g., measles, polio, pertussis) unless exempt.

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Cases of respiratory illness generally increase throughout the fall and winter months. Please review the most current guidance from the Ministry of Health on [their website](#) throughout the season. If you have general questions or are unsure where to access care, call Health Connect Ontario (formerly Telehealth) at 811, available 24/7 in multiple languages, or speak to your health care provider.

Thank you again for your continued efforts in keeping our community safe.

Sincerely,

Peel Public Health

Book a Vaccine



Report Immunization

