

To the parents and students of secondary 3 and to students born between October 1st 2009 and September 30th 2010

Subject: Vaccination for the 2024-2025 school year

Dear parents and students,

Free vaccination clinics will be held at the school for all secondary 3 students. In Quebec, the legal age for consent to health care is 14. Your child can therefore give consent to the vaccination himself.

Date of vaccination school Howard S. Billings: **December 3-4, 2024**

2nd date of vaccination (*for select students only*): **May 27, 2025**

Vaccination day

- Please make sure that your child has his vaccination booklet and that he brings it to school;
- Wear a short sleeved shirt.

Vaccines offered to every student

The school nurse will meet all of the students in secondary 3 and those of eligible age, to explain the vaccines that will be offered to them. Take the time to discuss vaccination as a family. For more information, consult the Vaccination section of the Quebec government website at the following address: [Québec.ca/vaccination](https://quebec.ca/vaccination) (or via the QR code at the bottom of the page).

- The vaccine against diphtheria and tetanus is recommended for all students; tetanus and diphtheria are very serious diseases caused by bacteria. That's why it's important for teenagers to receive a vaccine that maintains their protection against these diseases.
- The meningococcal vaccine protects against severe illnesses like meningitis and blood poisoning. A dose is recommended for all adolescents.
- The hepatitis B vaccine protects against liver infection, which can lead to complications such as permanent liver damage.
- Update of vaccination status. If recommended vaccines are missing following an evaluation by the nurse, they will be offered at school and will be administered after obtaining consent from the student.

If your child has a chronic illness or a weakened immune system, the nurse must be informed. She will be able to advise your child on the additional vaccines that are indicated, as well as the appropriate time to receive them free of charge.

It is now possible to be vaccinated outside the school setting via the platform «Clic Santé» at <https://portal3.clicsante.ca/>

If you have questions, please contact the school nurse.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

