

**Mile-End:**

**15 October 2024**

**Re: Vaccination of Secondary 3 students**

Dear parents,

Students in Secondary 3 can get the following vaccines for free: the diphtheria and tetanus vaccine, the meningococcus vaccine and the hepatitis B vaccine.

**Vaccination is still the best solution to protect your child against these diseases and their complications.**

**Consent for vaccination**

In Québec, the legal age of consent for vaccination and health care is 14 years. If your child is 14 or older, he or she can consent to the vaccination offered at school himself/herself.

**Vaccination for students in Secondary 3**

Vaccination at **Mile-End** school will take place on **November 7<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

If your child agrees to the vaccination, he or she can get the following vaccines at the same time:

- Diphtheria and tetanus vaccine
- Meningococcal vaccine
- Hepatitis B vaccine

**On the day of vaccination**

- Your child must bring her or his vaccination booklet. The child will not need their health insurance card.

**Updating the vaccination booklet**

- The nurse will check your child's vaccination booklet to verify if his or her vaccines are up to date for diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, rubella, mumps, meningococcal infections, varicella, hepatitis A, hepatitis B and HPV infections.
- If your child's vaccines are not up to date, she or he can accept to get the missing vaccines at school. If additional doses are needed, they can be received at your local services center.

**Note:** HPV vaccine is now given in a single dose in Grade 4 of primary school. This dose is enough to protect your child.

- If your child received a dose of HPV vaccine in Grade 4 of primary school, he or she will not need to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.
- If not, your child can get the vaccine this year.

If your child is absent on the day of vaccination, the school nurse will let them know what to do.

### **All the recommended vaccines are free, safe and effective**

There are no risks to getting several vaccines at the same time during a single vaccination session. For good protection, it is necessary to get all vaccine doses.

### **Possible reactions following vaccination**

Reactions can appear 1 to 3 days following vaccination. Usually they are not serious and do not last very long. Your child will be given information about these reactions and advice about how to relieve them.

- If your child has had a serious reaction following vaccination in the past, please let the school nurse know.

For more information, do not hesitate to call the school nurse:

**Ginette Nelson**  
**438-862-7333**

Thank you for your cooperation

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### **In collaboration with:**

- Immunization and vaccine-preventable diseases (IVPD) service ;
- Infectious diseases prevention and control sector ;
- Direction régionale de santé publique ;
- Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal.

**For more information about vaccination at school, go to:**

[Québec.ca/vaccination](https://quebec.ca/vaccination)

[School-based vaccination](#)



[Understanding vaccines](#)

