

2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR
TO THE PARENTS OF SECONDARY 4 STUDENTS

RE: School vaccination program

Dear Parents,

School closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic caused a delay in the school vaccinations normally administered during Secondary 3. As part of the school vaccination program, your child should have received the following vaccines last year:

- Diphtheria and tetanus vaccine
- Meningococcal serogroup C vaccine

In Secondary 3, the nurse also review your child's file and vaccination record to make sure he or she is up-to-date on vaccinations against the following diseases: diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, polio, measles, rubella, mumps, meningococcal C infection, chickenpox, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and HPV infections.

If any vaccines was missing, they can be given to your child in Secondary 4. For example, if your child did not receive 2 doses of HPV or hepatitis vaccine in Elementary 4, he or she can receive a free first dose of Gardasil 9® followed by 1 dose of Cervarix® 6 to 60 months later at school.

Deferring these doses to Secondary 4 will not protect your child less against these diseases.

The legal age for healthcare consent in Québec is 14. Parental consent is therefore not required if your child wants to get vaccinated at school. Please review the information below so you can help your child navigate the vaccination process. If your child receives a vaccine, he or she will receive a fact sheet on potential side effects that could appear within 24 to 72 hours of vaccination and how to relieve them.

Vaccinations at Fernand-Lefebvre will take place on November **17th and 18th 2020**.

Please make sure your child brings his or her vaccination record. It will be updated with any vaccines that are administered. Health insurance cards are not required.

If you would like more information, please contact the school nurse, Josée Léveillé at 450-742-5901 poste 1521.

For more information on vaccination and vaccine-preventable diseases, visit the Vaccination section of the Government of Québec website at Quebec.ca/vaccination.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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