



COUNTY OF
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Dear Parent/Guardian;

Re: Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination for Grade 8 Female Students in Ontario

As of August 2007 the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care is offering **free** human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine to all **Female Grade 8 Students**.

The vaccination against human papilloma virus is voluntary and will be offered by the County of Lambton Community Health Services Department at all elementary schools in Lambton County. Grade 8 girls will be offered the vaccine in the classroom setting.

The HPV vaccine is given in three shots. The second shot is given 1-2 months after the first shot, and the third shot is given in 4-6 months after the first.

- The first shot will be given in October
- The second shot will be given in December
- The third shot will be given in May

As mentioned, the human papilloma virus vaccine is completely voluntary. However, this immunization is strongly urged to help protect young girls against the human papilloma virus, which cause genital warts and cervical cancer. Enclosed is the human papilloma virus vaccine information sheet and consent form for you to review with your child.

Please ensure that your child has the vaccination consent form completed and with them on the vaccination date set for their school. Some schools may allow students to submit their consent forms before the clinic day. Please follow any specific directions from your child's school regarding early collection of consent forms. **Students without a signed consent form will not be vaccinated.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program at 519 383-8331 ext. 3530/3572 or toll free at 1-800-667-1839.

Sincerely,

Immunization Team