

Letter to parents - additional vaccination offer

Dear parents,

Quebec's vaccination program enables young people to be vaccinated against a number of vaccine-preventable diseases throughout their school career. Every year, students are vaccinated in kindergarten, grade 4 and grade 7

Despite the success of this program, it has been observed that the protection of some young people remains incomplete, particularly against chickenpox. That's why an additional offer will be made this year to certain high school students to complete their vaccination against this disease.

Chickenpox is a contagious disease caused by a virus. Although generally harmless in children, the disease can lead to serious complications such as pneumonia, brain infection, shingles or even death. Vaccination is the best way to protect your child against chickenpox and its complications.

In the days leading up to the vaccination, the nurse will check your child's immunization record to make sure he or she has received all the doses of chickenpox vaccine recommended for his or her age. Varivax III varicella vaccine will be offered if necessary. Other vaccines may be offered as recommended by your healthcare professional.

A consent form will be sent to you if your child is under 14. It's important to fill it out, even if you refuse vaccination, if your child has already had chickenpox or if he or she has already been vaccinated.

Please contact your CLSC if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

The CLSC team



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