



TO THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN BEGINNING SECONDARY SCHOOL

Dear parents,

The Quebec vaccination program offers vaccines to all Quebec youths in Secondary III.

In Nunavik, the same vaccines are offered to students who are beginning secondary school.

The following vaccines will be offered to your child at school:

■ 1 DOSE OF THE DIPHTHERIA AND TETANUS VACCINE.

For this vaccination, a combined vaccine against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus can also be used. The two vaccines are safe and the potential reactions after vaccination are the same.

■ 1 DOSE OF THE VACCINE AGAINST MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS.

➔ *Vaccination is the best way to protect your child against these diseases.*

Consult the attached documentation to learn more about the vaccines recommended in Secondary 0 as well as the diseases they prevent.

This information will help you make an informed choice for your child.

You may also consult the NRBHSS Web site by scanning the following QR code:



UPDATE TO THE IMMUNIZATION RECORD

In the days preceding vaccination of your child, the CLSC nurse will check their immunization record to make sure your child has received all the doses of the vaccines recommended according to their age.

If some vaccine doses are lacking or if there is no proof of vaccination in your child's immunization record, the nurse will contact you to obtain your consent and complete your child's vaccination.

AUTHORIZATION FORM

Attached you will find an authorization form for vaccination against diphtheria-tetanus and meningococcus.

The authorization form must be completed and returned. It is very important to fill out all the sections of the form, even if you refuse to have your child vaccinated or if they have already received one of the vaccines.

Note that in Quebec, children over 14 years of age can give their own consent to vaccination. As parent or legal guardian, however, you remain an important person to accompany your child in reaching his or her decision.

If you have any concerns or questions, contact your CLSC/nursing station.

We thank you for your cooperation.

The CLSC nursing team

