

Dear parents,

In grade 4, your child will be offered two vaccines at school: one that protects against hepatitis A and B, and one that protects against the human papillomavirus (HPV). At the start of the next school year, you will be sent a pamphlet about these vaccines, along with a vaccination consent form.

Do you have questions or concerns about the vaccines offered in grade 4?

- Feel free to talk to your doctor or any other healthcare professional, or call 811;
- Here are some websites where you can find reliable information about the hepatitis and HPV vaccines:
 - Portail santé mieux-être du Québec [sante.gouv.qc.ca/en/];
 - Government of Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada, *What Everyone Should Know About Human Papillomavirus (HPV): Questions and Answers* [canada.ca];
 - Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada [sogc.org/];
 - hpvinfo.ca;
 - sexandu.ca;
 - Canadian Paediatric Society, *HPV: What teens need to know* [caringforkids.cps.ca];
 - Naître et grandir, *Tout ce qu'il faut savoir sur la vaccination* [naitreetgrandir.com] (French only).
- If you'd like to do more research online, here are some tips to help you judge the quality of the information you find:
 - The website clearly states its mission and purpose;
 - It contains recent information, based on conclusive scientific evidence approved by recognized organizations and experts;
 - It names the groups or organizations from which it receives funding, along with their contact information.
- If you still have questions, even after doing your own research, feel free to contact me.

Enjoy the rest of the school year, and have a great summer!
Your child's school nurse,

450-699-3333 ext. 70142

P.S. The immunizing products may vary depending on the grade 4 hepatitis B vaccination program, in place since 1994.