Publicly Funded HPV Vaccine Eligibility

Thunder Bay District
Health Unit

Current: September 13, 2019

HPV4 vaccine is no longer available for order in Canada; all doses expired on March 14, 2019. Starting March 15, HPV9 vaccine can be offered to (1) complete an initiated HPV4 series or (2) start an HPV9 series for eligible students who had not yet received a dose of HPV4. This aligns with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommendations which allow for the use of HPV9 vaccine to complete an HPV4 series, if it is not possible to complete with HPV4. Individuals who have completed their HPV4 series as of March 14, 2019 will **not** be eligible for publicly funded HPV9 vaccine.

During the 2019/2020 school year, follow this chart:

Patients	Eligibility	Recommended Schedule
MALES (Routine program)	 Students currently in grades 7-10 are eligible for HPV9 and remain eligible until August 31st of their Grade 12 year Students who have started with HPV4 are eligible to finish with HPV9 and remain eligible for HPV9 until August 31st of their Grade 12 year 	 2 doses (0, 6 months) if student is starting series before their 15th birthday 3 doses (0, 2 and 6 months) if student is 15 years of age or older when starting the series (or immunocompromised)
FEMALES (Routine program)	 Students currently in grades 7-12 are eligible for HPV9 and remain eligible until August 31st of their Grade 12 year Students who have started with HPV4 are eligible to finish with HPV9 and remain eligible for HPV9 until August 31st of their Grade 12 year 	 2 doses (0, 6 months) if student is starting series before their 15th birthday 3 doses (0, 2 and 6 months) if student is 15 years of age or older when starting the series (or immunocompromised)
MSM 26 years and younger (High Risk program)	 Men who have sex with men (MSM) are eligible for HPV9. MSM include those who identify as gay, bisexual, as well as some individuals who identify as trans. For more information on the high risk program, visit TBDHU.COM (click Professionals > then Health Care Providers > then Immunization Resources scroll down to Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule) 	 2 doses (0, 6 months) if male is starting series before their 15th birthday 3 doses (0, 2 and 6 months) if male is 15-26 years old when starting the series (or immunocompromised)

For more information about the vaccine, call an immunization nurse at 625-5900 or toll-free at 1-888-294-6630. For more information about ordering the vaccine, call 625-8810 or toll-free at 1-888-294-6630, ext. 8810. Those who do not meet the student or high risk eligibility and wish to be vaccinated with a complete HPV9 series will need to purchase the vaccine privately.

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