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HPV4 Vaccine Transitioning to HPV9 Vaccine

The current Ontario supply of **HPV4** vaccine **expired** on **March 14, 2019**, and will **no longer be available** for order in Canada, as Merck is transitioning to the **HPV9** vaccine (**Gardasil®9**).

Starting **March 15, 2019**, publicly funded **HPV9** vaccine can be offered to:

1. **Male students in grade 9** (born in 2004) and **female students in grades 9 to 12** (routine vaccine program):
 - a. Who have received at least **one dose** of the **HPV4** vaccine and would like to **complete the series**; or
 - b. Who have **not received any previous doses** of the **HPV4** vaccine and would like to **initiate** the series.
2. **Males 9 to 26 years of age** (high-risk vaccine program)

The use of HPV9 vaccine to complete an HPV4 series aligns with recommendations by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI). However, as there is **no interchangeability data** currently available for a **mixed regimen** of HPV vaccines, a **substitution notice** will be sent with all HPV9 orders, indicating that a mixed series will **not provide full protection** against the **additional five strains** in the HPV9 vaccine.

Individuals who wish to be vaccinated with a **complete series** of HPV9 will need to **purchase** the additional HPV9 vaccine doses **privately**.

Individuals who have **completed** their **HPV4** series as of March 14, 2019 will be considered **up-to-date** with their HPV immunization and will **not be eligible** for publicly funded **HPV9** vaccine.

Students in grades 7 and 8 will continue to **initiate/complete** their publicly funded **HPV9** vaccine series at the Health Department's **school-based immunization clinics**.

Health care provider resources now available to order online durham.ca/HCP.

Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-7711, 1-800-841-2729

March 15, 2019

If you prefer to receive this information in an electronic format please submit your request to healthresources@durham.ca

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