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For Health Care Professionals



Product Update: Recombivax HB (Adult) for School Program

Recombivax HB (Adult) 1.0mL vials are **now available to order** for grade 7-12 students who are eligible for Hepatitis B (HB) vaccinations through the school vaccination program, **including students 16 years of age and older**. Recombivax HB (Pediatric) 0.5mL vials will continue to be available for **high-risk clients only**.

Individual vials of Recombivax HB (Adult) contain a single 1.0mL dose. **For students 16 years of age and older, a 0.5mL dose can be drawn from the 1.0mL vial. The remaining vial contents must be discarded immediately** and cannot be stored for a second 0.5mL dose.

Vaccine order forms have been updated to reflect this change. Please use the most up-to-date vaccine order forms available online at www.durham.ca/hcp (Under 'Forms', then 'Order').

Vaccine Schedule Reminder

- All students are now eligible for Hepatitis B vaccine until grade 12.
- Hepatitis B vaccine is routinely given to students 11 to 15 years of age as two doses (of 1.0mL Recombivax HB Adult), 6 months apart as part of the Grade 7 school-based immunization program.
- Those who receive the vaccine when they are 16 years of age or older and certain populations get 3 doses (of 0.5mL Recombivax HB adult): 0, 1 and 6-months apart.
- **Those age 16 and older require a 0.5ml dose (of Recombivax HB Adult).**

Please remind students/guardians to visit www.durham.ca/immunize to view and report immunizations online through the **Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON)** tool.

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