

September 2018

## Grade 9 Public Health School Immunization Clinic

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Horizon Health Network Public Health will be offering the following two vaccines to all grade 9 students this year:

- 1. **Meningococcal vaccine** (protection against invasive meningococcal disease caused by Neisseria meningitis type A, C, Y and W-135)
- 2. **Varicella vaccine** (protection against chickenpox disease). This is a booster dose to the Varicella vaccine received during childhood.

**Note:** Your child does not need this vaccine if they have already received two doses or had chickenpox disease after one year of age that was confirmed by a blood test.

If this is the first dose of Varicella vaccine for your child, please call Public Health to book an appointment for the second dose.

## Please:

- 1. Read the enclosed information for both vaccines.
- 2. Complete the consent/refusal form. A signature is required for both vaccines on this form.
- 3. Return the consent form to your child's homeroom teacher within one week. <u>The consent should</u> be returned whether the student is being immunized or not.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Health office at:

Saint John - 658-2285 Sussex - 1-800-545-8008 Charlotte Co. - 1-888-476-3555