

Subject: Public Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in School Settings for Grade 10, 11, 12 Students

To students & their parents, guardians, or representatives:

As part of Interior Health (IH) - Central Okanagan's efforts to provide access to public health nursing (PHN) support and services, IH has been offering in-school PHN Wellness Clinics for grade 10, 11, and 12 students and these clinics will continue until the end of the school year.

At the Wellness Clinics in the school, Public Health Nurses will be available to talk with students and answer any questions about public health nursing services, such as health and wellness promotion/disease prevention information, and resources. This is also a great opportunity for senior high school students to meet with a public health nurse to assess their immunization history and ensure they have all the necessary vaccinations before they graduate. Some post-secondary schools/training programs require immunization history prior to starting the program.

Additionally, based on information gleaned from the recent 2023 McCreary Adolescent Survey indicating a growing concern from students regarding a variety of health-related topics, these in-school clinics will offer improved access for students to reach out to a health professional.

Checking immunization status:

Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to review their own immunization status. HealthGateway provides secure access to health records, including immunizations. Please visit:

<https://www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/>

COVID-19 or Influenza vaccines will not be offered or provided at these Wellness Clinics.

George École George Elliot Secondary Principal Mr. Rob Aviani and their public health nurse have identified the following days and times for PHN Wellness Clinics:

1st and 3rd Friday of the month in the morning.

All clinics dates are listed on the GESS online calendar as well as posted outside room 121A.

If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Harper at 250-469-7070.

Thank you,

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