



## COMMUNITY NOTICE

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### **COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM PROVIDES UPDATE ON SCHOOL-REQUIRED VACCINES**

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Community Health Program offers vaccinations in accordance with the Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario. Publicly funded vaccines are provided to eligible individuals free of charge.

Students that attend schools in the United States will require vaccinations that the Community Health Program cannot provide at their office without a prescription, which will have to be filled at the cost of the individual. If you are not sure whether your required vaccines are free at the Community Health Program office, please call 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

Students requiring vaccines outside of the Ontario Publicly Funded Schedule will require a prescription from a healthcare provider, and be filled at the individual's expense.

Prior to filling a vaccine prescription please ensure that you have an appointment with the Community Health Vaccine Nurse, as walk-ins are not accepted.

For children attending school at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) schools, the School Based Immunization Program for Grade 7 and 8 students is deferred until further notice. We expect that this situation will change by mid-October.

It is advised that individuals call the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Health Services to see if their child is eligible to receive the vaccinations that are required for entrance to schools in New York State.

Thank you for your understanding. Our goal is to vaccinate all children in a timely and safe manner in accordance with the Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341.