



September 1, 2019

Re: Important notice regarding vaccinations in St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

I am writing to advise you regarding the matter of vaccinations within the STAR Catholic School Division.

At its regular Board meeting of May 21, 2014 the Board passed *Policy 21: Vaccinations*, which is attached herewith for your reference.

You are receiving a copy of this letter and policy because your child is scheduled to participate in the school-based vaccination program for the upcoming year.

As per Board Policy 21 please note that there are different consent processes for different vaccines. Accordingly, the consent process for administration of vaccines will be as follows:

- Alberta Health Services (AHS) will be in direct communication with parents and guardians regarding information and consent for the HPV vaccine. Consent for the HPV vaccine is facilitated directly between AHS and parents/guardians, and consent forms are not to be sent to the school.
- For all other vaccines, the distribution and collection of consent forms may be facilitated at the school level, meaning these consent forms can be returned to the school.

Please note that AHS will be mailing you shortly with further information.

Should you have any questions about AHS's in-school immunization program please contact your local public health centre.

Sincerely,

Charlie Bouchard
Superintendent