

## **Free Meningitis C Vaccine Available**

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care is pleased to announce that free Meningitis Type C conjugate Vaccine is now available to all Grade 7 students and youth aged 15 to 19 years. The vaccine will be administered at schools and community clinics in 2005.

Meningococcal Type C conjugate vaccine protects against disease caused by a strain of Neisserian meningitidis bacteria. The meningococcal C-conjugate vaccine provides protection against the type that is called “serogroup C”. Serogroup C accounts for approximately 30% of cases of meningococcal disease in Canada.

Meningococcal disease is a very serious illness. The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit is pleased to be offering the Meningococcal Type C conjugate vaccine in schools and community clinics. We encourage those in this target group to participate in this vaccine campaign. It is also important to note that many colleges and universities require students attending these institutions to be immunized for meningococcal disease. Enclosed is a schedule of community clinics that will begin in April 2005.

Students who are unable to attend any of these community clinics can also receive this vaccination by:

- Scheduling an appointment with the Public Health Department
- Making an appointment with their doctor
- Going to a Walk-in clinic

If you have any questions regarding the Meningitis C Vaccine Program please feel free to contact our Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at (613) 345-5685 or 1-800-660-5853

# Meningococcal Clinics 2005

Date	Location	Time
April 25, 2005	<b>Naismith Elementary School</b> 260 King Street Almonte, Ontario	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
April 26, 2005	<b>Carambeck Public School</b> 351 Bridge Street Carleton Place, Ontario	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
April 27, 2005	<b>Queen Elizabeth Elementary School</b> 80 Wilson Street Perth, Ontario	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
April 28, 2005	<b>Rideau District High School</b> 251 Main Street Elgin, Ontario	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
May 2, 2005	<b>Brockville Health Unit</b> 458 Laurier Blvd. Brockville, Ontario	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
May 4, 2005	<b>South Branch Public School</b> 2649 Concession Road Kemptville, Ontario	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
May 16, 2005	<b>Smiths Falls Health Unit</b> 52 Abbott Street Smiths Falls, Ontario	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
May 24, 2005	<b>Gananoque High School</b> 175 William Street South Gananoque, Ontario	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
May 25, 2005	<b>South Grenville District High School</b> 1000 Edward Street North Prescott, Ontario	2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.