

Update from Vaccine Preventable Diseases Team

Grey Bruce Public Health's VPD team has completed 5,700 school immunizations from the start of the 2022-23 school year in September to December 2022.

Public Health is planning to hold clinics in secondary schools in February and March. The goal is to provide more than 7,500 immunizations to students in grades 9 to 12 and reduce the overall immunization backlog from about 12,300 immunizations to 445 by August 2023.

Please see the chart below for the current state of Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) coverage by disease.

Disease	Grey-Bruce % Vaccine Coverage
Tetanus	74%
Diphtheria	74%
Pertussis	74%
Polio	83%
MenC-C	90%
MCV4	92%
Measles	85%
Mumps	85%
Rubella	93%
Varicella	77%

Other important data points from the VPD team include:

- More than 31,000 influenza vaccines have been distributed so far this respiratory season to healthcare providers, hospitals, long-term care/retirement homes, and workplaces in Grey-Bruce.
- 58% of eligible individuals aged 70 and older have received a fall bivalent COVID-19 booster dose. This is higher than the provincial average for this age group, which is 55%.
- 24% of eligible Grey-Bruce residents have now received a fall booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. This is above the provincial average of 21% coverage.
- The total number of COVID-19 doses administered in Grey-Bruce as of Jan. 5, 2023, is 431,507.