

Health

# Grade 7 students to receive Hepatitis B immunization

Grade 7 students in Stouffville will soon receive Hepatitis B immunization shots, a Public Health Department official has reported.

Jane Miles, spokesman for the health department's school immunization program, expects the program will be welcomed across York Region, including in Stouffville.

Each student will receive

three Hepatitis B shots this year, said Miles.

Meanwhile, the plan is to have information and consent for the shots sent home to the students in late September and early October.

The immunization will be carried out soon after. Public health nurses will visit the schools and give the shots.

In 1994, a total of 7,400 York students were immunized

against this sometimes fatal disease. "Last year we had an excellent response," said Miles.

"An impressive 97 per cent of York's Grade 7 students were immunized against Hepatitis B."

Hepatitis B is spread by contact with blood and sexual fluids from an infected person," explained Miles.

The health department is

reminding everyone that this virus can get into the body through extremely small breaks in the skin.

"A small number of people may die from Hepatitis B," said Miles.

"Immunizing Grade 7 students will ensure protection before they can be exposed to the virus."

Before the program gets under way, students will

receive information about the disease from their teachers.

Also, material will be sent home to parents prior to the immunization, said Miles.

The vaccine used is synthetically produced and usually causes no major side effects.

"The risk of getting Hepatitis B is far greater than the risk of adverse reactions from the vaccine," stressed Miles.

Anyone wishing more information about the program, call (905) 940-1333.

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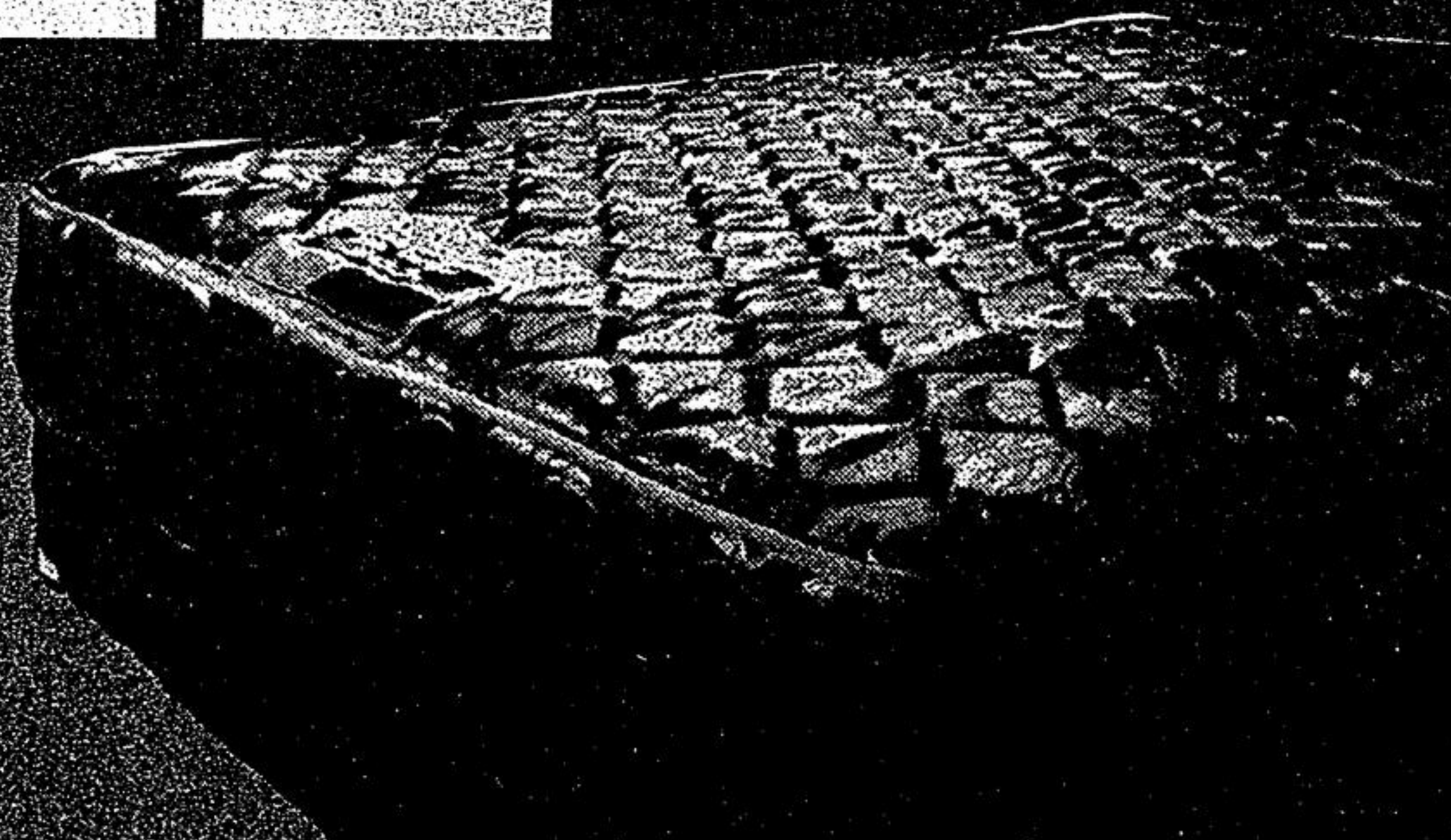
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