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## Suspension Orders Being Mailed to Grade 4, 5, & 6 Students Who Have Not Submitted Their Immunization Records

**Attention:** Physicians, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Community Health Centres, Nurse and Nurse Practitioners, Family Health Teams, Ontario Health, Ontario Health Teams, Indigenous Healthcare & Community

**Date:** January 7, 2025

The health unit is continuing with enforcement of the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). Students, whose immunization records on file with public health are still not up to date, will be receiving a suspension notice this week. The suspension order **will be effective on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, if we have not received the required information by that date.

As was shared in our previous Public Health Alert, we started reviewing these students' records (birth year 2013, 2014 & 2015) last school year and these families have received up to three letters from the health unit requesting the missing information as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Notice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Notice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Notice
Sent home via mail January-February 2024	Sent home via mail June 2024	Sent home via school November 2024

### Key Messages for Primary Care Providers:

- Many students have received these vaccines but have not reported the information to public health.
- Parents must report their child's immunization information to the health unit. If the child has received the vaccines noted on the letter, parents need to report this information to public health online 24/7 at [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) or by calling 705-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.
- If students require vaccination, those with a PCP will be directed to contact their PCP to book an appointment to receive the vaccines they require. SMDHU will continue to offer catch-up clinics for students who do not have a PCP.
- If the family has responded to previous requests from us but still receive a suspension order, it means that something is still missing from their record on file at the health unit to bring their record up to date according to ISPA. The order notes which antigens are missing.
- You may notice an increase in students booking appointments to receive vaccines, so you may need to increase your vaccine supply accordingly.
- If a parent has chosen not to vaccinate their child, they need to contact the health unit to complete an affidavit.
- If a student cannot receive a vaccine for a medical reason, then a medical exemption form with an effective time period must be completed by a physician or registered nurse and submitted to the health unit.



### **Lunch and Learn Opportunity for PCPs – January 16, 2025**

We are presenting a virtual Lunch and Learn for PCPs on Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 12:30pm-1:30pm to review the launch and local integration of the CANImmunize App as well as provide an update on ISPA surveillance activities. This Lunch and Learn will be interactive with time allocated for question and answer. A recording will be sent out after the session for those unable to attend. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, please email [hc.vpd@smdhu.org](mailto:hc.vpd@smdhu.org)

We thank you for your ongoing support with this important work.