**Newsletter Inserts for Public Elementary Schools - Immunization**

**Your Child’s Immunization Record (Insert in Oct/Nov)**

The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up to date immunization records for all students attending school. According to ISPA (2014), students are required to be vaccinated against the following diseases:

* Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough)
* Measles, Mumps and Rubella (must have two doses after the first birthday)
* Meningococcal Disease (must have one dose after the first birthday & Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7)
* Varicella (chickenpox) \*\*\*only required for those born 2010 and after.

The health unit **does not** receive immunization information directly from doctor’s offices. Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

**What you can do:**

* **Check** Your child’s yellow immunization card
* **Contact** Your child’s health-care provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations
* **Share** Go to [immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to **705-726-3962.**

For more information visit our [school immunization page](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Immunization.aspx).

**Newsletter Inserts for Public Secondary Schools - Immunization**

**Immunization Records**

The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up to date immunization records for all students attending school. According to the ISPA (2014), students currently in high school are required to be vaccinated against:

* Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough) - booster required between 14-16 years old
* Measles, Mumps and Rubella - must have two doses after the first birthday
* Meningococcal Disease - must have one dose after the first birthday & Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7.

The health unit **does not** receive immunization information directly from doctor’s offices. Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

If your child’s immunization record on file with the health unit is not up to date, they may be suspended from school.

**What you can do:**

* **Check –** Your child’s yellow immunization card
* **Contact –** Your child’shealth-care provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations
* **Share –** Go to [immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to **705-726-3962.**

For more information visit our [school immunization page](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Immunization.aspx).

**High School Immunization Records**

* Is your child graduating this year?
* Are your child’s immunizations up to date?

Many university and college programs, workplaces or volunteer programs require proof of immunizations.

**What you can do:**

* **Check –** Your child’s yellow immunization card
* **Contact –** Your child’shealth-care provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations
* **Request –** Your child’s record from the health unit through *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.