

# Suspensions

The Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) states that all students who do not provide proof of immunization status may be suspended from school until immunization information is received.

Students may be suspended from school for a period of up to 20 days and can be suspended up to 2 occasions in the same suspension process until the required information is received by the health unit. It is very important to ensure that your child has an up-to-date immunization record.

If a student receives immunization(s) from your health care provider it is important that you contact the health unit to provide the up to date immunization information. **Health care providers do not contact the health unit when they provide immunization to students.**

This information can be provided to the health unit in the following ways:

- calling the health unit at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 extension 8807
- faxing, mailing or delivering a photocopy of an up-to-date immunization card (or yellow card) to the health unit
- a signed original medical exemption form or a signed original affidavit for religious or conscious belief

If you are calling the health unit to up date your child's immunization information and receive voice mail please leave the following information:

- your first and last name
- students' first and last name
- students' date of birth
- the school they attend
- what immunizations were received
- the date received
- a telephone number where you can be reached weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Your call will be returned within two business days.

## **What happens if my child receives an immunization suspension notice?**

- The health unit requires an up to date immunization record prior to suspension day (indicated on the notice)
- If your child receives immunization at a health care provider you must call the health unit to provide the type of immunization and the date received