

Hold on Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) Immunization Reporting Requirements for Health Care Providers

Attention: Physicians, Emergency Departments, Infection Control Practitioners, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Family Health Teams, Central LHIN, NSM LHIN

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As you may be aware, the Ontario Medical Association has received communication from the Premier-Designate Doug Ford, announcing that he is pausing the implementation of the requirement for health care providers (HCPs) to report ISPA immunizations. As per the Healthfax that we sent on June 6th, 2018, this requirement was to come into effect on July 1st 2018 as a result of Amendments to regulation 645 under the ISPA.

It is uncertain at this time whether ICON for HCPs online tool will be live after July 1st as originally planned for those HCPs with an eHealth Ontario ONE-ID log in. In the meantime, your patients can continue to access their own immunization information via ICON at www.smdhu.org/immsonline for those born 1990 and after. As always if you require immunization information on a patient for the purposes of providing care to them you can call our HCP Immunization Line at 705-721-7520 ext. 8806.

We will be continuing our work locally to establish Data Sharing Agreements with all Family Health Teams in order to receive batch uploads of immunization information from their EMRs. This valuable work was happening in our area prior to this legislative change being announced, and has proven to be successful in ensuring that student's immunization records are up to date. This has many benefits, such as decreasing the workload required by HCPs during immunization surveillance time.

As we receive new information, pertaining to immunization reporting requirements we will be sure to share it with you via our various channels (posting to HC portal, vaccine inserts, via 8806 and via Healthfax).

If you have questions please call the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 705-721-7520 Ext. 8806 or toll free at 1-877-751-7520 Ext. 8806 Monday to Friday between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.