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Immunization Record Review Update & CANImmunize App Update

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

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The health unit is continuing our efforts reviewing students' immunization records in accordance with the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). We started reviewing records of students currently in grades 4, 5, & 6 (birth year 2015, 2014 & 2013) last school year. Families have received up to three letters as below for students in these cohorts whose immunization records on file with the health unit are not up to date.

Initial Letters	2 nd Notices	3 rd Notices	Suspension Planned
Sent home via mail January-February 2024	Sent home via mail June 2024	Currently being sent home from School	February 4, 2025

Key Messages for Health Care Providers:

- Parents must report 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 or by calling 705-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.
- If the family has responded to previous requests from us but have received another letter in November, 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.
- You may notice an increase in students booking appointments to receive vaccines, so you may need to increase your vaccine orders accordingly.
- If a parent has chosen not to vaccinate their child, they need to contact the health unit to complete an affidavit.

SMDHU Preparing to Launch Local Integration with the CANImmunize App

The CANImmunize App is a free mobile app that gives people the power to safely store and manage their immunization records digitally. Users can add multiple records to their account, allowing an easy way for parents to track records for their entire family in a single, secure, location.

Starting in December 2024 parents who use the CANImmunize App in Simcoe Muskoka will be able to submit their child's immunization records entered in the App securely to the health unit with the click of a button. When the integration launches locally, any existing users at that time will receive a notice with the option to share their records. More details will be shared as launch this app within our communities.

