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Immunization Record Review Continues: 2008, 2009, 2016 & 2017 Cohorts

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: June 6, 2025

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is sending out immunization notices to students born in 2008 & 2009 (currently in grade 10 & 11) and 2016 & 2017 (currently in grade 2 & 3) with no immunization record on file at the health unit or who are missing immunizations. The following table outlines the schedule of notices and plans for ISPA enforcement in the 2025/2026 school year:

High School Students: 2008 & 2009 Birth Cohorts

- Initial letters mailed home to the student in May
- Suspension orders will be mailed home to student who remain outstanding for their vaccines the last week of August
- Suspension orders will be effective **Tuesday September 23rd, 2025**

Elementary Students: 2016 & 2017 Birth Cohorts

- Initial letters being sent home in back packs from school in June
- Another reminder letter will be sent home in back packs in November for those outstanding
- Suspension orders will be mailed home to those outstanding for suspension first week of January
- Suspension orders will be effective **Tuesday February 3rd, 2026**

Key Messages for Primary Care Providers:

- 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 or by calling 705-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 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.
- 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](#) must be completed and submitted to the health unit.

