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Suspension Orders Being Mailed to Grade 3 & 4 Students Who Have Not Submitted Their Immunization Records

Attention: Physicians, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Community Health Centres, Nurses and Nurse Practitioners, Family Health Teams, Ontario Health, Ontario Health Teams, Indigenous Healthcare & Community

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The health unit has been reviewing immunization records of students grade 3 & 4 (born in 2016 & 2017). Families have been sent home two notices (in June and November) from school requesting updated immunization information for their child. Those students whose records are still not up to date have now been mailed a suspension order in accordance with the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). The suspension order **will be effective on February 3rd, 2026**, if we have not received the required information by that date.

Key Messages for Primary Care Providers:

- Many students have received these vaccines but have not reported the information to public health.
- 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 am - 4:30 pm.
- If the family has responded to previous requests from us but still receive a suspension order, 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. The order notes which antigens are missing.
- 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 with an effective time period must be completed by a physician or registered nurse and submitted to the health unit.

Students who are missing vaccines and need to be immunized can:

- Contact their health care provider to make an appointment. Ensure that parents are aware that once they have received the vaccines, they need to report the information to public health as above.
- Book into a health unit immunization clinic while appointments last until January 23rd at www.smdhu.org/topics/immunization/clinics
- From January 26th through to suspension day, immunization nurses will be available to see students on a drop in, first come, first serve basis during the times, dates and locations linked [here](#). This information was also provided with the suspension order for parents to reference.

We thank you for your ongoing support with this important work.

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