

Immunization Record Review: 2009, 2010, 2018 & 2019 Birth 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

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The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is sending out immunization reminder notices to students born in 2009 & 2010 (currently in grade 10 & 11) and 2018 & 2019 (currently in grade 1 & 2) whose immunization records on file at the health unit are not up to date in preparation for Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) record review for the 2026/2027 school year.

Immunization reminder notices have also been sent home from school with JK/SK students whose immunization information was not submitted upon school registration, and home through licensed childcare facilities with attendees whose immunizations are not up to date according to the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA). Therefore, you may see an increase in calls or requests for appointments from families with patients in this age groups over the coming months.

A reminder that when the [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario](#) was last updated in June 2022, **the timing of the Tdap-IPV booster and MMRV was changed from 4 to 6-years to 4 years**. This is to ensure that children have the best protection before starting school. **Students should be receiving these vaccines at age 4 (on or after their 4th birthday)** and reporting these doses to public health as soon as they are received. These are the vaccines that most commonly result in suspension notices during elementary school.

Similarly, the 14-to-16-year Tdap booster timing was changed to 14 years.

The following table outlines the timelines for ISPA enforcement in the 2026/2027 school year:

	Reminder Letters	Suspension Orders	Suspension Day
High School 2009 & 2010	Mailed Home May 2026	Mailed Home late August 2026	Tues., Sept. 22, 2026
Elementary School 2018 & 2019	Sent home from school in June 2026 & Nov 2026	Mailed Home first week of January 2027	Tues., Feb. 2, 2027



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, they are encouraged to book an appointment with their primary care provider, or they can book an appointment at a public health clinic on our website.
- Immunization clinics will also be held at all high schools in Simcoe Muskoka in September before suspension day for high school students who are still outstanding for suspension at that time.
- 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.