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PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT

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Immunization Record Review for Elementary Students: Second Reminder Notices for 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 preparing to send a second round of immunization reminder notices home from school with students born in 2018 & 2019 (in grade 2 & 3) whose immunization records on file at the health unit are still not up to date. These notices are in follow up to the initial reminders sent home with these students in June. The following table outlines the timelines for ISPA enforcement for elementary students this school year:

Birth Cohorts	Reminder Letters	Suspension Orders	Suspension Day
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.
- You may notice an increase in families 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 initiate the affidavit process. This includes watching Ontario's mandatory immunization education video, completing a Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form, taking the form to a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits in Ontario to sign and swear/affirm it in their presence, and returning it in person to a health unit office.
- 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.

Thank you for your ongoing support to our immunization program initiatives.