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Public Health Requires Immunization Records for Halton Secondary Students

Dear Parents/Guardians of Halton students born 2007 to 2010,

Students in Grade 9 to 12 for the upcoming school year must have up to date immunization records on file with Halton Region Public Health. This letter explains how to report your immunizations to Public Health if you have not done so already.

In Halton Region, many students do not have updated immunization records, either because they missed receiving routine vaccines, or because parents/guardians have not reported their children's immunizations to Public Health.

In Ontario, the [Immunization of School Pupils Act \(ISPA\)](#) requires that children who attend school be immunized against nine diseases: *diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis* (meningococcal disease), *whooping cough* (pertussis), and *chickenpox** (varicella - *immunization required for children born in 2010 or later).

For the 2024-2025 school year, Halton Region Public Health will review the immunization records of all Halton secondary students. Parents/guardians will be notified if their child's record is not up-to-date. As directed by the ISPA, **students may be suspended from school** if their immunization records are not updated by October 2024. If your child is unable to be immunized for medical reasons, or if you choose not to immunize your child, you must submit **vaccine exemption documentation** to Halton Region Public Health. For more details about this process, please visit halton.ca/immunize.

Immunizations required for school attendance are free, safe, and effective.

Halton Region Public Health is asking parents/guardians of all students born in 2007 to 2010 (Grades 9 to 12 in the upcoming school year) to complete the following steps:

1. **Review your child's online record** by visiting halton.ca/immunize.
2. **Book an immunization appointment** with your health care provider if your child has missed any vaccines, or visit halton.ca/immunize to schedule an appointment at a Public Health Community Immunization Clinic (available throughout summer 2024).
3. **Report vaccines to Public Health.** Parents/guardians are responsible to report every vaccine their child receives to Public Health, because health care providers do not report immunizations they provide. Report vaccines by visiting halton.ca/immunize.

To learn more about immunizations (including translated resources) visit ontario.ca/vaccines; or download [A Parent's Guide to Vaccination](#) at canada.ca/vaccines.

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