

October 2025

Report all student immunization records to Halton Region Public Health.

Dear Parents/Guardians of Halton students born 2008 to 2013, and 2016 to 2018,

This school year, Halton Region Public Health is enforcing Ontario's <u>Immunization of School Pupils Act</u> (ISPA) for students in your child's birth year who are missing immunization records with Public Health.

The ISPA requires that all students attending school be fully immunized against the designated diseases listed below. Parents/guardians must report all vaccines their children receive to Public Health. Vaccines required for school attendance are free, safe, effective, and align with Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule.

Parents/guardians receiving this notice must complete the following steps:

- 1. **Review your child's online immunization record** at halton.ca/immunize to ensure all vaccines your child has received are included. Add any missing vaccine(s) to their online record.
- 2. If your child has missed any required vaccine(s), make an immunization appointment with a health care provider.
- Report vaccines online at halton.ca/immunize. Every time a health care provider immunizes a student, parents/guardians must report the vaccines to Public Health. Health care providers do not report the vaccines they give to their patients.

Students must have up to date immunization records for the following ISPA designated diseases:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio;
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella;
- Meningococcal Disease; and
- Varicella (chickenpox) (required for children born in 2010 or later).

Parents/guardians will be notified by mail if their child's record is missing information, starting in October 2025.

If your child is unable to be immunized for medical reasons, or if you choose not to immunize your child, you must submit a **vaccine exemption** to Halton Region Public Health. For more details about this process, please visit halton.ca/immunize.

Students may be suspended from school in early 2026 if their immunization records remain incomplete.

Please note that COVID-19 vaccines are **not required** to attend school.

To learn more about immunizations, including translated resources, visit <u>ontario.ca/vaccines</u>, or download A Parent's Guide to Vaccination at canada.ca/vaccines.

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