



Message from the Halton Region Health Department

Autumn brings a number of service updates from the Health Department to help you support your patients, including tips to prepare for the immunization rush, changes to the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)* and a new online process for ordering special vaccines. Now that students are back to school and settled into routines, it's the perfect time to encourage your patients to get caught up on their immunizations. Thank you for your ongoing help in keeping Halton's children safe and healthy!



What's new for Halton physicians?



Beat the rush and start reviewing client immunization records now

During the 2017-18 school year, students in grades 9-12 who are not up to date with immunizations will be suspended in February 2018. The Health Department will offer only the Men-C-ACYW (Menactra) vaccine at local secondary schools. Families will need to get all other vaccines from their health care provider. For more information, visit halton.ca/physicians.



The *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)* has changed!

As of September 1, 2017, the law requires parents who complete a non-medical exemption form for their child in primary or secondary school to attend an education session at their local health unit. For more information on vaccine exemptions and the forms required, visit halton.ca/immunize or call 311.



New online order process for special vaccines

This fall the Health Department will implement an online process for special vaccine orders, including both high-risk (Hib, Hep A) and school-based vaccines (Men-C-ACYW, Hep B, HPV). Special vaccine orders must be completed online at halton.ca/physicians while routine publicly funded vaccines can still be ordered using the Vaccine Order form.



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