



Health Department Updates for Halton Health Care Providers

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Message from the Medical Officer of Health

School starts soon and summer is the perfect time to ensure your younger patients are up-to-date on vaccines. Making sure children of all ages receive their vaccinations on time is one of the most important things you can do as physicians to ensure their long-term health—as well as the health of others in the community. The Halton Region Health Department would like to provide you with information on the legally required immunizations to help children avoid school suspension. We also want to update you on the closing of our Travel Health Clinic and how you can help patients access other travel health services in Halton. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!



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What's new for Halton physicians



Immunizing students to avoid suspension

In order to attend school, children must have legally required immunizations. Halton Region is enforcing the provincial *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)* to help keep our students and schools healthy. Starting in September, there will be a new online immunization reporting form for parents. Until then, parents can dial 311 to report their immunizations to help avoid school suspension. For a list of mandatory vaccines required for school attendance, visit halton.ca/physicians.



Regional Travel Health Clinic closing

With residents having greater access to travel health clinics, Halton Region is gradually winding down its travel health services this fall in order to better allocate its resources to other programs that keep our community safe and healthy. For information on full service travel clinics in Halton, including the provision of yellow fever vaccine, visit halton.ca/travelhealth.



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