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RE: Update - Enforcement of the Immunization of School Pupils Act: Suspension for students born in 2010 (grade 3)

There is one week left until the Halton Region Health Department enforces the immunization requirements for school attendance found in the Immunization of School Pupils Act for students in grade 3. Your office may experience an increase in requests related to immunization. Grade 3 students born in 2010 with incomplete immunization records will be suspended from school for 20 school days, March 25 - April 23, 2019, or until the updated immunization information is received by the Health Department. The Health Department has sent four notices to parents requesting immunization information, including notices of suspension mailed on February 19, 2019.

Please note the following immunization requirements for these students:

- 2 doses of varicella vaccine given at least 3 months apart OR a signed medical exemption form documenting clinical disease or serological immunity
- The first dose of live vaccines (MMR, Varicella, MMRV) must be given on or after the first birthday
- Live vaccines must be given on the same day or at least 4 weeks apart
- Meningococcal C Conjugate (Menjugate or NeisVacC) must be given on or after the first birthday
- Tdap-IPV given on or after the 4th birthday, following a complete 3 dose infant series.

For children requiring a medical exemption, the form can be found on the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care website at:

<http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?OpenForm&ENV=WWE&NO=014-4895-64E>. Additional information on required immunizations is available at:
<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/ispa.aspx>.

Please stress to your clients the importance of reporting all immunizations to the Health Department.

Tear-off pads for your office to help promote immunization reporting, can be ordered, at no cost, by dialing 311.

Parents can report up-to-date immunization records:

- Online – halton.ca
- By phone - Call 311 (translation services available)
- In person or by mail - 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, ON L6M 3L1
- By fax - 905-465-3403

If you have any questions regarding the required vaccinations for school attendance please contact the Halton Region Health Department.

Please report all suspected or confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (formerly Reportable Diseases) to the Halton Region Health Department as soon as possible. Diseases marked * should be reported immediately by telephone (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) or fax (Mon-Fri, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm only). Other diseases can be reported the next working day. Call 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866. For general information, please visit halton.ca.

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