

HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH • Office of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

FROM: Dr. Joanna Oda, Associate Medical Officer of Health

DATE: September 3, 2025

RE: Register now for Sept 17 webinar outlining how the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) enforcement campaign will impact your practice

QUICK FACTS

- Register now for the upcoming Mainpro+ accredited webinar (September 17 from 7-8 p.m.), [Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Focus on Immunization – How the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* impacts your practice](#). Any interested healthcare professional is welcome to register.
- Learn about vaccines required for school attendance, the importance of parents reporting vaccines to Public Health and the upcoming ISPA enforcement program in Halton. Join Dr. Joanna Oda, Halton Region's Associate Medical Officer of Health to learn about:
 - How local immunization coverage and compliance rates for the publicly funded, school-aged program in Halton have increased since 2023, helping to reduce disease, and how Halton compares to provincial coverage rates;
 - What vaccines are included under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* (ISPA) and the difference between medical and non-medical exemptions; and
 - The *Immunization of School Pupils Act* (ISPA) process for 2025-26 and how physicians can support families in updating student immunization records.
- For the best experience, use a laptop or desktop, have the Teams app installed and test your internet connection beforehand. Recording will be emailed to all registrants after the event.

KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- The 2025-2026 ISPA Enforcement program will focus on students born in 2008-2013 (grades 7-12) and 2016-2018 (grades 2-4).
- Initial ISPA communications will go to families with outdated immunization records in October/November, with suspension orders going to elementary students in late February 2026 and secondary students in late March.
- Suspension period for elementary students begins March 31, 2026 and April 30, 2026 for secondary students.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Registration page – Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Focus on Immunization – How the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* impacts your practice, September 17, 2025 \(7-8 p.m.\)](#)

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (only report COVID-19 cases occurring in high-risk settings) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866. PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY TO ALL PHYSICIANS IN YOUR OFFICE AND/OR POST IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND PHYSICIAN LOUNGES. IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH THIS ATTACHMENT, PLEASE EMAIL DOCTORS@HALTON.CA.

Webinar invitation – Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Focus on immunization How the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* impacts your practice

To prevent infectious diseases from spreading among unimmunized children and adolescents, Halton Region Public Health has resumed enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)*. The 2025-26 program will focus on students in grades 2-4 and grades 7-12. Learn about vaccines required for school attendance, the importance of parents reporting vaccines to Public Health and the upcoming *ISPA* enforcement program in Halton.

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Time: 7-8 p.m.

Register: [Online registration form](#)



Learning objectives:

Overall series learning objective:

By attending the Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians series, participants will be able to identify and discuss relevant and recent information about approaches to the prevention, diagnosis and management of key public health issues impacting their family medicine practice in both rural and urban settings.

Learning objectives for this session:

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand how local immunization coverage and compliance rates for the publicly funded, school-aged program in Halton have changed since 2023, and how Halton compares to provincial coverage rates.
- Know what vaccines are included under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)* and the difference between medical and non-medical exemptions.
- Understand the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)* process for 2025-26 and how physicians can support families in updating student immunization records.

Submit your questions in advance through the [registration form](#).

Keynote Speaker:



Dr. Joanna Oda, MD, MHSc, FRCPC

Associate Medical Officer of Health,
Halton Region Public Health

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