

November 20, 2023

Notice to the Parent or Guardian of:

«First_Name» «LAST_NAME»	Birth Date:	«Date_of_Birth»
«Street_Address»	School:	«School_Daycare»
«City», «Province» «Postal_Code»		

REQUEST FOR REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's immunization information is not up-to-date

Having up-to-date immunizations helps ensure children have the best protection possible against certain vaccine-preventable diseases that can be very serious or even fatal. It also helps reduce the risk of disease outbreaks in schools to help ensure a safe and healthy school environment. The *Immunization of School Pupils Act* (ISPA) requires parents to provide proof of immunization for certain diseases if their children attend school in Ontario. Every year, York Region Public Health (YRPH) collects and reviews the immunization information of York Region students to ensure each child's immunizations are up-to-date according to Ontario's Immunization Schedule.

Your child's doctor or school does not provide the information to us. **It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide immunization information to YRPH** and update us every time your child gets vaccinated. The easiest way is through our online portal (link below).

What's missing?

To identify what immunization information is missing from York Region Public Health's record for your child, see Page 2.

There are several reasons why your child's immunization record is incomplete, including:

- Your child **has not** yet received a required immunization. If your child is overdue for any vaccines, please arrange to have your child receive their vaccines through their healthcare provider, a walk-in clinic or through one of York Region Public Health's community clinics. Visit york.ca/health/immunizations, under *Public Health Community Immunization Clinics* to book an appointment online.
- Your child **has** received all of their required vaccines, but YRPH has not received information for an immunization that your child received. Remember parents/guardians must report all required vaccines to YRPH so your child's immunization record can be updated.
- Your child may have received invalid doses that do not meet the immunization requirements under ISPA.

What do you need to do?

Please update your child's immunization information by **December 15, 2023** using one of the following options:

- **Online using Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON) at yrphu.icon.ehealthontario.ca**
- **Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026**
- **Mail documents to York Region Public Health, Immunization Services, 17150 Yonge Street, 4th Floor, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8V3**

Students whose immunization information is not up to date **will** be suspended starting in the 2023/24 school year. York Region Public Health provides support to parents, guardians and students to help them keep their immunization information up to date.

This document is also available in other languages, French, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese and Farsi.

Please go to york.ca/immunizations → Update Immunization Information, Communications sent to parents/guardians.

We require information on vaccines given to this student for the following ISPA diseases:

«DiseasesAgents»

Immunization is one of the safest ways to promote health and prevent illnesses related to vaccine-preventable diseases. If your child cannot be immunized due to medical reasons, send a medical exemption form to York Region Public Health using the fax or mailing to address listed above. Exemption forms are available at york.ca/health/immunizations, under *Update Immunization Information*.

Parents/guardians who do not want their child immunized due to non-medical reasons are required to attend an immunization education session and complete the statement of conscience or religious belief form. For more information on immunization exemptions, contact York Region at 1-877-464-9675.

This information is being collected under the authority of the *Immunization of School Pupil's Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. I. 1 and the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7 for the purposes of: protecting the health of children against vaccine preventable diseases; case management and outbreak investigations; client follow up; program administration; and the provision of statistical data to the Ministry of Health. Information will be collected, used, and disclosed of in accordance with the *Personal Health Information Protection Act*, 2004, S.O. 2004, c. 3. Please contact our Immunization Services staff at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456 for questions regarding; the collection, use and disclosure of this information and your child's immunization.