



# Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



## Immunization Reminder Letter to Students will be sent in late February

Durham Region Health Department continues to assess required immunizations for students enrolled in school. DRHD will be sending letters to students whose records are not up to date. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic **we will be not be enforcing suspensions for the 2020-2021 school year.**

**Beginning in the middle of February, parents can electronically submit immunization information for their children online through [durham.ca/immunize](https://durham.ca/immunize).**

### If parents call about the reminder letter:

- Compare your record with the Health Department record on the back of the letter.
- Provide the missing information or vaccines as needed.
- If not able to accommodate, discuss a plan for the student to receive the missing vaccines in the future (there is no deadline enforced this year).

### Scenarios to be aware of:

- If Tdap-IPV 4-6-year booster was given before the student's 4th birthday, the student will require another dose.
- Students younger than 7 years will need a Pediacel® booster if they don't have 3 primary doses of Pediacel® completed already. Tdap-IPV is not sufficient as it has less antigens of diphtheria and pertussis.
- If MMR, varicella or Men-C-C was given before the student's 1st birthday, a booster is needed.
- If live vaccines were given **too close together** (e.g., Varicella, MMR), a booster is required for the **2nd vaccine** given. For minimum intervals, refer to the [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario](#).
- Students in grades 7 to 12 require **one dose** of Men-C-ACYW135 (e.g. Nimenrix®). Do **not** administer Men-C-C as a substitute for Men-C-ACYW135.
- If a child cannot receive immunization(s) for medical reasons, download and complete the form [Statement of Medical Exemption - Immunization of School Pupils Act](#).

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | [durham.ca/health](https://durham.ca/health)

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

