



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



Immunization Reminder Letter to Students sent in March 2022

To ensure continued high levels of herd immunity to keep communities safe from vaccine preventable diseases, Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) 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 not be enforcing suspensions for the 2021-2022 school year.**

As a reminder, **parents can now electronically submit immunization information for their children online through 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)
- Starting in April, the Health Department will be offering catch-up clinics for Hepatitis B, Men-C-ACYW135 and HPV9.

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 do not have 3 primary doses of Pediacel® completed already. Tdap-IPV is not sufficient as it has less diphtheria and pertussis antigen
- 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. Men-C-ACYW135 can be ordered using the form [School- Based Vaccine Batch Order Form](#) (or durham.ca/HCP, Forms, Order)
- 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

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

