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**SUBJECT:** Students with Incomplete Immunization Records  
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**In the coming weeks, your office may receive a higher volume of calls for immunization records or to make an appointment for outstanding childhood vaccines.**

The *Immunization of School Pupils Act* requires students to have up-to-date immunization records on file with Public Health to avoid being suspended from school.

- In November 2023, WDGPB sent Immunization Notices to *high school* students with incomplete records. Approx. 2,400 students remain at risk of suspension if these are not updated by **February 14**.
- This week, approx. 8,000 Immunization Notices were sent to parents/guardians of *elementary school* students with incomplete records. They have until **March 6** to update their records or face suspension.

Please refer to the [Physicians Advisory from November 16, 2023](#) for additional information about the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* and how WDGPB follows up with students.

## Administering Vaccines

The Immunization Notices sent to students (or their parents/guardians) specify which vaccine antigens they are considered overdue for. Please refer to [Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule](#) for guidance about catch-up vaccinations.

If you require individualized guidance about the catch-up schedule for a particular student, please contact WDGPB at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 7006 to speak with a Public Health Nurse.

To order more vaccine for your office please use the [WDG Public Health Vaccine Portal](#) OR fax a completed [vaccine order form](#) to 519-823-4903.

## Reporting Vaccinations to Public Health

- For Health Care Providers: If you provide childhood vaccines, your office can fax the records to WDGPB at **519-836-2986**.
- For Parents: Report immunizations directly to WDGPB using one of the following options:
  - Online: [immunizewdg.ca](https://immunizewdg.ca)
  - Email: [school.vaccines@wdgpublichealth.ca](mailto:school.vaccines@wdgpublichealth.ca)
  - Phone: 1-800-265-7293 ext. 7006

## **Exemptions**

Children who cannot be immunized for medical reasons need to have a [Statement of Medical Exemption](#) completed by their physician and submitted to Public Health. If parents are choosing not to immunize children for religious or conscientious reasons, there are other steps that they need to follow. For more information on exemptions, please refer to the [WDGPH website](#).

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