

Be Prepared for Students Seeking Routine Immunizations

Update to York Region health care professionals as of November 22, 2023

York Region Public Health (YRPH) is resuming the annual process of assessing student immunization records for compliance with Ontario's [Immunization of School Pupils Act](#) (ISPA), which was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ISPA requires all children attending school in Ontario to be immunized against these nine vaccine-preventable diseases (or have a documented medical or religious/philosophical exemption): Diphtheria, measles, meningococcal disease, mumps, pertussis, polio, rubella, tetanus, and varicella (for students born in or after 2010). Throughout 2023, YRPH has been sending parents/guardians notices with reminders to report their child's up-to-date immunization records to us to ensure children and our communities are protected against vaccine preventable diseases.

YRPH is focusing on ISPA enforcement for 7- to 8-year-old students

This school year, YRPH is focusing on ISPA enforcement for 7 to 8-year-old students (born in 2015 and 2016) to ensure their immunizations are up to date and on file with us. If our database shows that a student's immunization record has missing or incomplete information after the date specified in their letter, their child may receive a notice with a school suspension order starting in early 2024.

As letters are sent to parents/guardians, you may see an increased demand for vaccine appointments in your practice. Parents/guardians may contact you to request information on their child's vaccination records or to book an appointment for outstanding vaccines. Also, YRPH is providing [student catch-up community immunization clinics](#) (by appointment only).

Please anticipate an increase in demand for routine vaccines over the next several months and continue to reassess your vaccine supply to ensure it is adequate.

Common outstanding immunizations, as required under ISPA (7- to 8-year-olds)	Available Vaccines
Men-C-C - Meningococcal Conjugate C	Menjugate/NeisVac
MMRV - Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella	Tetra/ProQuad
Tdap-IPV– Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio	Adacel-Polio /Boostrix-Polio

For more information on required routine immunizations, go to [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario](#) and [YRPH's immunization information](#).

Email your completed publicly funded vaccine order form to vaccineinventory@york.ca or fax it to 905-830-0578 to order any of the above publicly funded vaccines. A vaccine refrigeration unit temperature log with a minimum of the most current five business days of temperature recordings must be submitted with each vaccine order form.

Remind parents it is their responsibility to inform YRPH of all required routine immunizations

Parents must report their children's immunizations directly through our online portal at yrphu.icon.ehealthontario.ca or seek alternative options outlined [here](#). A helpful [immunization tear-off pad](#) is also available for you to give to parents to help them report vaccines through [Immunization Connect Ontario](#) (ICON) and reduce the workload on your office. You may pick up the immunization tear-off pads with your vaccine pick-up orders at any of our Access York Contact Centre locations.

Please remind parents of their responsibility to report any vaccines administered to us and encourage them to do so as early as possible.

Thank you for your continued and tremendous support in ensuring your patients' immunizations are up to date, which protects our communities against vaccine preventable diseases.

Contact Us

- For routine student immunizations, you may speak to a nurse at 1-877-464-9675, ext. 73452
- For publicly funded vaccine ordering, contact our Vaccine Inventory Program at vaccineinventory@york.ca or call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033

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