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- **Immunization Screening Letters**

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Key Messages:

- Peel Public Health will resume mailing letters to students who have not provided updated immunization records as outlined in the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- Students may be contacting your office to obtain an immunization and/or a copy of their immunization record.
- Remind students/parents to report immunizations to Peel Public Health.
- Due to increased demand, please ensure a one-month supply of routine vaccines.

Note: Vaccines received out of province should be considered valid if there is written documentation of administration of vaccine at ages and intervals comparable with the Ontario Publicly Funded Schedule. The record for these vaccines should be in English or translated by you, your patient or a relative to be considered valid.

2. Remind parents to report their child's immunizations to PPH:
 - Online at <https://www.peelregion.ca/health/vaccinations/report/>; or
 - By calling 905-799-7700 (Caledon residents 905-584-2216).

Immunization Screening Letters

Peel Public Health will resume mailing letters in **late October** to students who have not provided updated immunization records as outlined in the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*: <https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/ispa.aspx>

Students who receive a letter may contact your office to:

- Obtain a copy of the immunizations received.
- Book an appointment to receive overdue vaccine doses.

If a student presents at your practice regarding their immunization status, follow these steps:

1. Review your records for the student's immunization history:
 - If the student has already received the vaccine(s) listed on the letter, provide this information to the parent/guardian.
 - Administer the vaccine(s) if the student has not received the vaccine(s).

Preparing for letter mailouts - ordering vaccines

An increased demand for routine vaccines in physician offices is anticipated until the end of the school year. Please ensure a one-month supply and continue to reassess your vaccine quantities as well as your refrigerator space needs.

NOTE: A temporary hold on routine vaccine orders will be in effect to expedite influenza and COVID-19 **from October 5 (starting at 4:30pm) to October 12 (inclusive)**.

Order vaccines at: <https://www.peelregion.ca/health/professionals/V-07-629.htm>

ISPA vaccine indications for students

The antigens required under ISPA align with the Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules in Ontario https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/docs/Publicly_Funded_ImmunizationSchedule.pdf

The minimum age at first dose and spacing between doses must be followed to meet the ISPA requirements.

Meningococcal

Indication	Antigen/product
<p>≥12 months up to 11 years of age (up to grade 6)</p> <p>Given by primary care provider. (as per routine/catch-up schedule)</p>	<p>Men-C-C: Menjugate® or NeisVac-C®</p> <p>1 dose</p>
<p>≥ 12 years of age (Grades 7 to 12)</p> <p>Appointment can be booked at a PPH clinic at: https://www.peelregion.ca/health/vaccinations/school-program/</p> <p>Primary care providers can also order Men-C-ACYW135 vaccine at: https://www.peelregion.ca/health/professionals/V-07-629.htm</p>	<p>Men-C-ACYW135 Nimenrix® or Menactra®</p> <p>1 dose</p>

DTaP-IPV-Hib and Tdap-IPV

Indication	Antigen/product
4-6 years of age- booster (as per routine schedule)	<p>Tdap-IPV Adacel® -Polio or Boostrix®-Polio</p>
5-6 years of age - primary series (catch-up schedule)	<p>DTaP-IPV-Hib Pediactal®</p>
7 years or older - primary series (catch-up schedule)	<p>Tdap-IPV Adacel® -Polio or Boostrix®-Polio</p>
14-16 years of age - booster	<p>Tdap Adacel® Or Boostrix®</p>

MMR

Students are required to have two doses of MMR vaccine.

- 1st dose, routinely given on or after the 1st birthday.
- 2nd dose, routinely given as MMRV at 4-6 years of age.

Varicella

Students born on or after January 1, 2010, are required to have two doses of varicella vaccine.

- 1st dose routinely given at 15 months.
- 2nd dose routinely given as MMRV at 4-6 years of age.

Students with a previous history of varicella infection have the following options:

- Submit a medical exemption form completed by their health care provider based on one of the following criteria:
 - Diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella or herpes zoster by a health care provider.
 - OR**
 - Serologic testing (varicella IgG) for laboratory confirmation of immunity.
 - OR**
 - Receive two doses of varicella vaccine. Varicella vaccine can safely be administered to children with a history of varicella infection.

Students who had a varicella infection at <12 months of age require two doses of varicella vaccine since infection as an infant has been associated with an increased risk of a second episode of varicella.

Resources:

Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario – June 2022:

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/docs/Publicly_Funded_ImmunizationSchedule.pdf