

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Important message for Parents/Guardians/Students

YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION REQUIRED THIS FALL

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

Immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases is a cornerstone of a safe and healthy school environment. Every year, York Region Public Health (YRPH) collects and reviews the immunization information of students in York Region to ensure each child's immunizations are up-to-date according to [Ontario's Immunization Schedule](#).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, YRPH paused the collection and review of immunization data and did not enforce the [Immunization of School Pupils Act](#) (ISPA) which requires all children attending school in Ontario to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. **Starting the 2023-24 school year, YRPH will be reintroducing the enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* (ISPA).**

Your child's doctor or school does **not** provide immunization information to us. **It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide immunization information to YRPH** and update us every time your child gets vaccinated through our easy-to-use online portal (link below).

We know that most York Region students did receive their required immunizations during the pandemic. However, **if your child's immunization record is not up to date in our information system, your child may be suspended from school** until the updated immunization record is submitted. Please update your child's immunization information in our system as soon as possible.

What you need to do

Please update your child's immunization information as soon as possible using one of the following options:

- Online using Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON) at yrphu.icon.ehealthontario.ca
- Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026
- Mail documents to York Region Public Health, Immunization Services, 17150 Yonge Street, 4th Floor, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8V3

For more information, please call Access York at **1-877-464-9675** or visit [Update Immunization Information](#).

This document is also available in other languages, French, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese and Farsi. Please go to york.ca/immunizations → Update Immunization Information, Communications sent to parents/guardians.

This information is being collected under the authority of the *Immunization of School Pupil's Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. I. 1 and the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7 for the purposes of: protecting the health of children against vaccine preventable diseases; case management and outbreak investigations; client follow up; program administration; and the provision of statistical data to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Information will be collected, used, and disclosed of in accordance with the *Personal Health Information Protection Act*, 2004, S.O. 2004, c. 3. Please contact our Immunization Services staff at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456 for questions regarding the collection, use and disclosure of this information and your child's immunization.