



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



Immunization Reminder Letter to Students sent in December 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 is sending letters to high school students whose records are not up to date. **We will not be enforcing suspensions for the 2022-2023 school year.** Parents can 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 January 2023, the Health Department will be offering catch-up clinics for all vaccines. Parents/Guardians will be able to book an appointment online through durham.ca/immunize.
- Starting in February 2023, the Health Department will be offering clinics at each of the high schools in Durham region. Dates for these clinics are available online at durham.ca/immunize.

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.
- If MMR was given before the student's 1st birthday, the student will require another dose.
- 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)
- Please follow the catch-up schedules according to the Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario for students who initiated vaccines after one year of age. Contact your immunization nurse with any questions related to these schedules.
- 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.

