

January 2018

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals - Emergency Rooms, Walk-In Clinics

RE: Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) – First Notices

Starting in late January, the HKPRDHU will be mailing out first notices to parents/guardians of students who are overdue for immunization(s) that are required under the ISPA and its Regulation 645. These include immunizations for:

- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio (e.g. Adacel-Polio, Boostrix-Polio, Adacel, Boostrix)
- Measles, mumps, rubella (e.g. MMR II, Priorix)
- Meningococcal Group C (e.g. Menjugate, Neisvac-C) and Meningococcal Group ACYW135 (Menactra)
- Varicella (e.g. Varivax III, Varilrix)

Students may be flagged as “overdue” if:

- The **interval between immunization doses is incorrect or the child received the vaccine prior to the age of eligibility.**
- Two **live vaccines** were given less than 28 days apart (i.e. Varicella, MMR).
- The **first dose** of MMR was given **prior** to 12 months of age.

Please consider the following when students present to your office:

- **Check student records to ensure all eligible vaccines are provided according to the *Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario – December 2016*** (http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/docs/immunization_schedule.pdf)
- If a student cannot receive immunization(s) for reasons of Conscience or Religious Beliefs, a **valid Affidavit must be on file with the Health Unit. Please have parent/guardian contact us immediately.**
- If a student cannot receive immunization(s) for medical reasons, a medical exemption must be completed using a **Statement for Medical Exemption – Immunization of School Pupils Act** form.
- **To avoid suspension from school, remind parents/guardians to report updates to the Health Unit.**

- **BE SURE TO ORDER ADDITIONAL VACCINES AS SPECIFIED ABOVE TO PREPARE FOR INCREASED IMMUNIZATION REQUESTS**
 - **VACCINE PICK-UPS ARE AVAILABLE TWICE A MONTH**
- **PLEASE ALLOW A MINIMUM OF 3 BUSINESS DAYS FOR ORDERS TO BE PROCESSED**

Should you require further information, please contact the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1507

NOTE: For easier access to the above web links, visit the Health Unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca) for electronic copies of all current – and previous – editions of *FAX Facts*. Go to the ‘Resources & Forms’ header at the top of the web page, and use the drop-down menu to click on the ‘Health Care Professionals’ section (a link to FAX Facts is posted there). A direct link is also provided below:

www.hkpr.on.ca/ResourcesForms/HealthCareProfessionals/FAXFacts.aspx

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