

# Suspension Notice

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## Information for Parents and Guardians

Our records show that we have not received your child's updated immunization information. As a result, Algoma Public Health, under the authority of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*, is issuing an *Order for Suspension from Attendance at School* for your child that will begin in April of 2024. The exact date can be found in the order. **If you believe this is an error, please call your local public health office.**

Under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*, your child's school principal has been directed by Algoma Public Health to exclude your child from class from the date listed on the attached suspension order, for 20 school days, or until the required records are received by Algoma Public Health.

All children attending school are legally required to be immunized against certain preventable diseases: (diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis, varicella), unless a valid exemption due to medical, conscience, or religious reasons is provided.

You may have recently updated your child's vaccinations; however, your child's doctor or school does not provide this information to Algoma Public Health. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide immunization information to Algoma Public Health.

**The immunization record included in this package is reflective of what Algoma Public Health has on file.**

There is still time before your child is suspended. The attached *Order for Suspension from Attendance at School* indicates what immunization information is required. This will provide you with the dates your child will be suspended if immunization requirements are not met.

## How to Update your Child's Immunizations

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

- **Online:** the **online** reporting tool is available at [www.algomapublichealth.com/icon](http://www.algomapublichealth.com/icon)
- **In person:** bring a copy of your child's immunization record to an APH location during business hours.
- **By phone:** Call your local public health office with the number listed at the bottom of the first page.
- **Fax** a copy of your child's record can be faxed to 705-541-5959
- **Mail** a copy of your child's record to our address:  
Algoma Public Health Attention: Immunization Program  
294 Ilow Avenue Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 0A9
- **Email:** [immunizations@algomapublichealth.com](mailto:immunizations@algomapublichealth.com) (Include child's name and date of birth in email)  
*If you are sending Algoma Public Health personal information by email, please be aware that electronic communication is not always secure and can be vulnerable to interception*
- If this student has a valid exemption, the original must be filed at Algoma Public Health. If this has not been done, please attach the original completed exemption documents as proof. Exemption forms can be found on [www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca](http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca)

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### What if I have already completed one of the listed options?

If you are receiving this letter and have already completed one of the options listed, please call your local Algoma Public Health office to indicate this.

### What if I have an appointment for my child, but it is scheduled after the suspension date?

If you have an appointment to be vaccinated that will not occur before the suspension date, please call your local public health office. Algoma Public Health recognizes that there are currently difficulties in accessing healthcare providers and we will not suspend students where a clear plan to be immunized is in place. If your appointment is at Algoma Public Health, you must call regardless to ensure your child is not on the suspension list.

### Where can my child receive a vaccination?

- If you have a family doctor, you can receive publicly funded vaccines by booking an appointment with their office or by accessing a walk-in clinic. If your child receives vaccines, please obtain a written copy of vaccine record, and contact Algoma Public Health to report the vaccines using one of the options provided on the first page of this letter.
- Algoma Public Health offers immunization clinics where school-aged children can catch up on their immunizations. Book an appointment by calling your local public health office.

### Vaccines are throughout the lifespan. Your child may require a second dose in a series:

- Meningococcal C (Men-C) vaccination is due at 12 months and Meningococcal Conjugate ACYW135 (Men-C-ACYW135) vaccination is due when your child is in grade 7.
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccination is given at 12 months. Varicella (Var) vaccination is due at 15 months and between 4-6 years as the Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella (MMRV) booster.
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, haemophilus influenzae type b (DTaP-IPV-Hib) vaccinations are given at 2, 4, 6, 18 months. Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio (Tdap-IPV) vaccinations are given between 4-6 years of age and tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) vaccinations are given between 14-16 years of age.

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Publicly funded immunization schedules for Ontario – June 2022



### Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario – June 2022

Publicly funded vaccines may be provided only to eligible individuals and must be free of charge

Routine Schedule: Children Starting Immunization in Infancy										
Vaccine	Age	2 Months	4 Months	6 Months	1 Year	15 Months	18 Months	4 Years	Grade 7	14 Years
<b>DTaP-IPV-Hib</b> Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio Haemophilus influenzae type b		◆	◆	◆			◆			
<b>Pneu-C-13</b> Pneumococcal Conjugate 13		◆	◆		◆					
<b>Rot-1</b> Rotavirus		▲	▲							
<b>Men-C-C</b> Meningococcal Conjugate C					◆					
<b>MMR</b> Measles, Mumps, Rubella					■					
<b>Var</b> Varicella						■				
<b>MMRV</b> Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella								■		
<b>Tdap-IPV</b> Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, Polio								◆		
<b>HB</b> Hepatitis B									●	
<b>Men-C-ACYW</b> Meningococcal Conjugate ACYW-135									●	
<b>HPV-9</b> Human Papillomavirus									●	
<b>Tdap</b> Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis										◆

If you have any questions, please contact your local public health office.