

Suspension Notice

Information for Parents and Guardians

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Our records show that we have not received your child's updated immunization information. As a result, Algoma Public Health (APH), under the authority of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)*, is issuing an *Order for Suspension from Attendance at School* for your child that will begin in May of 2025. The exact date can be found in the Suspension Order. **If you believe this is an error, please call the Immunization Team at the APH office closest to you:**

- Blind River – 705-356-2551
- Elliot Lake – 705-848-2314
- Sault Ste. Marie – 705-759-5409
- Wawa – 705-856-7208

Under the ISPA, your child's school principal has been directed by APH to exclude your child from class from the date listed on the attached Order for Suspension, for 20 school days, or until the required records are received by APH.

All children attending school are legally required to be immunized against certain preventable diseases (or have a valid statement of exemption for medical reasons, reasons of conscience or religious beliefs) in order to attend school. Under ISPA legislation, students can be suspended from school if they do not have all the required vaccinations for; diphtheria, polio, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal disease, and pertussis (whooping cough). Children born on or after January 1, 2010, are also required to be vaccinated against varicella (chicken pox).

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

Attached to this letter is the immunization record APH has on file for your child. 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.

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Blind River, ON, P0R 1B0
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Fax: 705-356-2494

Elliot Lake

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Elliot Lake, ON, P5A 1Y9
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Fax: 705-848-1911

Sault Ste. Marie

294 Willow Avenue
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 0A9
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TF: 1 (866) 892-0172
Fax: 705-759-1534

Wawa

18 Ganley Street
Wawa, ON P0S 1K0
Tel: 705-856-7208
TF: 1 (888) 211-8074
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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
- **In person:** bring a copy of your child's immunization record to any of our locations during regular business hours www.algomapublichealth.com/contact-us
- **By phone, fax or mail:** contact numbers for APH office are listed on the first page.
- **Email:** records@algomapublichealth.com (Please include child's name and date of birth in email). If you are sending personal information by email, be aware that electronic communication is not always secure and can be vulnerable to interception.

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 APH 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.

Where can my child receive a vaccination?

You can book an appointment with your health care provider. If you do not have one, you can view a list of walk-in clinics providing immunizations on our website as well as upcoming community catch-up clinic across Algoma: www.algomapublichealth.com/ISPA

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 of age. 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.



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
DTaP-IPV-Hib Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b		◆	◆	◆			◆			
Pneu-C-13 Pneumococcal Conjugate 13		◆	◆		◆					
Rot-1 Rotavirus		▲	▲							
Men-C-C Meningococcal Conjugate C					◆					
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella					■					
Var Varicella						■				
MMRV Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella								■		
Tdap-IPV Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, Polio								◆		
HB Hepatitis B									●	
Men-C-ACYW Meningococcal Conjugate ACYW-135									●	
HPV-9 Human Papillomavirus									●	
Tdap Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis										◆

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