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In accordance with the Immunization of School Pupils Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. I.1 the Health Department is required to maintain up-to-date immunization records for all students under the age of 18 that attend school in Ontario.

Students are required to provide an up-to-date record of immunization or obtain a legal exemption for conscience or medical reasons. Failure to provide immunization information could result in a non-punitive suspension from school for up to 20 days.

In January, we will send the *Immunization Notice and Suspension Order* to all students in high school and students in grades 2, 3 and 4 who are missing required immunizations and to students who have not submitted immunization records. The *Immunization Notice* indicates which immunizations the Health Department has on file and which immunizations are missing or overdue. The *Suspension Order* will outline the time period the student is to be suspended if the required information is not received by the Health Department. Suspensions will occur March 20, 2025, to April 17, 2025. The Health Department will provide suspension orders and a list of students who are to be suspended due to non-compliance to the school. While the Health Department will assist the school with reviewing immunization records, it is the principal's responsibility to carry out the suspension as per school policy.

Please refer to our website www.durham.ca/immunize or contact your school's immunization nurse.

Your ongoing support and co-operation are greatly appreciated and has contributed to the continued success of our immunization programs.

Sincerely,

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