

ADVISORY: Prepare for Increase in Immunizations to Prevent Suspensions

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ATTENTION: Healthcare Providers

Starting in January, the Peterborough County-City Health Unit will begin mailing Immunization Information Notice/Questionnaires to parents/guardians of students that do not have adequate immunization information on file.

The PCCHU collects specific immunization and demographic information to maintain an electronic record under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). This Act requires students to be immunized for measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, tetanus, meningococcal disease and chickenpox (for students born in 2010 or later), or have a valid exemption.

Parents will receive two notices, 21 days apart followed by an Order for Suspension if the PCCHU has not received the requested information. **Parents/Guardians of students who receive these letters may contact you to arrange for immunization.**

1. **Be prepared.** Have extra stock of vaccines required for school-aged students available. *PCCHU has lots of stock available for you to order.*
2. **Ask parents to bring the letter with them.** The letters will specify which vaccines PCCHU requires information on for the student, as well as a record of the ISPA vaccines that the Health Unit currently has on file.
3. **Be aware of additional requirements.** This is the first year the suspension process includes vaccines for meningococcal disease, pertussis and varicella (for those born in 2010 or later).
4. **Choose the right meningococcal disease vaccine.** Students who require meningococcal disease immunization will require either Men-C-C (Menjugate) or Men-C-ACYW135 (Menactra) depending on their age. Menactra is available to order from the Health Unit for students who are 12 years and older who missed immunization in the school based clinics in grade 7.

For further information, contact:

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