

# How do I know if I need vaccines?

- Some vaccines are required for school
- Check your vaccine records at [Hamilton.ca/vaccines](https://hamilton.ca/vaccines)
- You may have received a reminder letter in the mail
- You need to report your vaccines if you do not have a record with public health



# What is the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)?

- The Immunization of School Pupils Act is a law in Ontario that requires children attending school to be immunized against specific diseases. The required vaccines are childhood vaccines as outlined by the Ontario Immunization Schedule and the Canadian Immunization Guide, **NOT the COVID 19 or Flu vaccine.**

# Delay in Suspensions under Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)

- Hamilton Public Health Services will be delaying the enforcement of the Immunization of School Pupils Act requirements for birth cohorts 2006-2009 (Grades 9-12).
- Students in these grades with overdue vaccination records, or without valid medical, religious or conscientious exemption records on file, were to be suspended from school starting the week of March 4, 2024. These suspensions will be delayed.
- Students who were at risk of suspension due to overdue vaccines and vaccine records should plan to continue to attend school for the week of March 4, 2024.

# Delay in Suspensions under Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)

While suspensions are currently delayed, Hamilton Public Health is strongly recommending students with overdue vaccinations and records continue to take steps to become up to date.

As the school year progresses, Hamilton Public Health Services will reassess and plan for reinstating school suspensions under the Immunization of School Pupils Act. Further information will be shared with schools, parents/guardians and students as the planning continues.

# Where Can I get vaccinated?

**Public Health catch-up clinics and the opportunity to have vaccine records reviewed for students with overdue vaccinations or records:**

- Date: March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and March 11 and 12, 2024
- Time: 9:00am to 12:00 and 1:00pm to 3:45pm
  - (clinics will close for lunch between 12 and 1pm)
- Location: 110 King Street West on the plaza level

# Where can I get vaccinated? (continued)

## Family Doctor

- You must report the vaccines to public health if you get them from the family doctor

## School Nurse Practitioner

- If you have no family doctor
- Bring in your screening letter from Public Health

## Newcomer Health

- Newcomer and refugee health clinic - <https://newcomerhealth.ca/>
- (905) 526-0000

# How do I report my vaccinations?

**Online Reporting:** <https://hph.icon.ehealthontario.ca/#!/welcome>

- Log in with Health Card Number
- Upload a photo of the records

## Reporting by MAIL

City of Hamilton, Public Health Services, Vaccine Program  
P.O. Box 897, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 3P6

Include:

- Full Name
- Address
- Date of Birth
- Phone Number
- Health card Number (if you have one)
- Copy of the Vaccine Record

**Hamilton Public Health Services is currently not able to receive or review vaccine records submitted via fax or phone.**

# What if I need a vaccine exemption?

Two Reasons for Exemption:

1. Medical
2. Objection of Conscience

More information

<https://www.hamilton.ca/people-programs/public-health/vaccines-immunizations/vaccines-children>

\*Vaccine exemptions must be presented with OFFICIAL documentation