

Hamilton Public Health Services Vaccine Screening and Suspension Process

1. Why did I receive a vaccine screening letter?

- To let you know that your child's vaccine record is not up to date with Public Health.
- Childhood vaccine records must be provided to Public Health under the law as part of the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)
- Check your child's yellow vaccine card to see whether they got the required vaccines. If you are unsure, speak to a health care provider. Vaccines are very effective at preventing serious vaccine preventable diseases and are important to protecting all in the community.

2. What is ISPA?

- An Ontario law that requires students to be vaccinated for certain diseases or have a valid exemption.
- The goal of ISPA is to protect the health of children and prevent disease outbreaks in schools.
- If vaccinations are not up to date or a valid exemption is not on file, the child may be suspended from school.

3. What vaccines are required under ISPA?

- diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, poliomyelitis
- measles, mumps, rubella (German measles)
- varicella (chicken pox; for those born 2010 and onward)
- meningitis

4. What if my child needs to be vaccinated?

- Visit your healthcare provider (e.g., family doctor, other primary care provider or walk-in clinic).
- A healthcare provider can administer the necessary vaccinations to ensure your child is up to date.

5. What happens if I do not update my child's vaccine records?

- Your child may be suspended from school for up to 20 school days or until an up-to-date vaccine record, or exemption is provided to Public Health.

6. Why did I receive an order of suspension letter?

- It is issued if a student's vaccine record is not up-to-date following the screening letter.

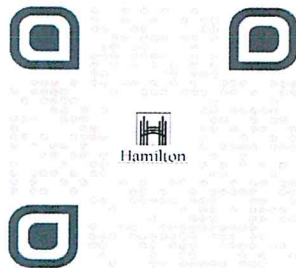


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- The order gives the final deadline to submit an up-to-date vaccine record or exemption, to avoid being suspended from school.

7. How do I report my child's vaccinations?

- **Online Reporting:** <https://hph.icon.ehealthontario.ca/#!/welcome> or scan the QR code below. Please upload a scan or image of the vaccine history document(s).
- **Mail:** City of Hamilton, Public Health Services, Vaccine Program
P.O. Box 897, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 3P6
- **Phone Reporting:** Call Vaccine Records at 905-540-5250



Additional Resources

- General Vaccine Information www.hamilton.ca/vaccines
- School Vaccine Clinics www.hamilton.ca/schoolclinics