

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.

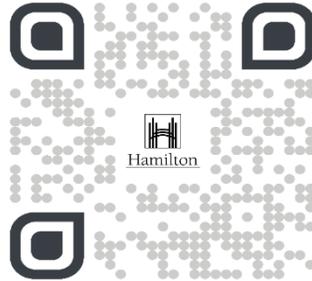
- 5. What happens if I do not update my child's vaccine records?**
 - Your child may be suspended from school for up to 20 school days or until an up-to-date vaccine record, or exemption is provided to Public Health.

- 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.

- 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