**Topic: School Aged Immunizations**

Dear School Administrator, please find below some basic messaging you are invited to use to promote the abovementioned topic among students, parents, and the general school community. Included are:

* Newsletter inserts
* Social media messages

Please choose messaging as appropriate for your school community. You can find images and graphics to support this messaging at [hpePublicHealth.ca/newsletters-and-social-media.](https://hpepublichealth.ca/newsletters-and-social-media/)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Healthy Schools contact at HPEPH.

-HPEPH Healthy Schools Team

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| Newsletter Inserts | Audience |
| Help Your Child Catch up on School Age Immunizations  In accordance with the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), many immunizations, and updated immunization records are required for your child to attend school. Public health is required by law to obtain up to date vaccination records for school age children. Under the ISPA, children can be suspended from school if their vaccination records are not up to date.  Parents and caregivers are encouraged to check and update their child’s vaccination record, to avoid suspension! Update your child’s vaccination record at [hpePublicHealth.ca/daycare-school-immunizations.](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/daycare-school-immunizations/)  Routine childhood vaccinations are available through your health care provider. If this is not an option, HPEPH is offering catch-up immunization clinics. Book your child’s appointment at [hpepublichealth.ca/clinic/immunization-clinic](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/clinic/immunization-clinic/).  Visit [hpePublicHealth.ca/daycare-school-immunizations/](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/daycare-school-immunizations/) or contact HPEPH at 613-966-500 ext. 221 for further information about your child’s immunization record. All ISPA immunizations are free of charge! | All families |

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| Social Media Messaging – Elementary | Audience |
| Is your child up to date with their routine immunizations? Does the school have their vaccination record on file? Updated proof of vaccination is required for all students attending school.  Check [HPEPH’s website](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/daycare-school-immunizations/) to learn more about the immunizations that are required (or a notarized exemption) to attend school. Update your child’s vaccination record at [hpePublicHealth.ca/daycare-school-immunizations.](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/daycare-school-immunizations/) | Parents and Youth |

**Robocall (can also be used as eNewsletter)**

Hello parents and caregivers! This is an important message about your student’s routine childhood vaccinations.

Immunization protects children from many serious diseases that are easily spread in schools. The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires that children and adolescents attending primary or secondary school be appropriately immunized against designated diseases, unless they have a [valid exemption](https://www.ontario.ca/page/vaccines-children-school). However, many students are not up to date with regular childhood immunizations.

Did you know it is a parent/caregiver’s responsibility to update their child’s immunization record? Check or update your child’s record at [hpePublicHealth.ca](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/immunization-reporting-records/).

Public health is required by law to maintain up to date vaccination records for school aged children. Up to date records are required this spring to avoid suspension. If your child’s immunizations are out of date, book an appointment with their health care provider to get caught up. If this is not an option, book an appointment with public health clinic at [hpePublicHealth.ca](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/clinic/immunization-clinic/) or by calling HPEPH at 613-966-500 ext. 221.

Thank you for helping keep our school communities safe!