



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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RCDHU Reminds Families of the Importance of Student Vaccinations - Keep Students Healthy and Schools Disease-Free

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) has completed its annual review of all elementary and secondary student immunizations. RCDHU is in the process of mailing **Immunization Notice** letters to students either missing one or more required vaccines, or if their immunization record has not been submitted to RCDHU.

The [Immunization of School Pupils Act R.S.O. 1990](#) (ISPA) requires all students attending school in Ontario to be immunized according to [Ontario's immunization schedule](#). Under ISPA, students may be suspended from school if their completed immunization records are not submitted to RCDHU.

"Routine immunizations are an important step in protecting children and youth from serious diseases. By staying on schedule with vaccines, you're building a strong defense to keep students safe and healthy, and prevent the spread of disease," states Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health for RCDHU.

Immunization Notices specify which vaccines are missing from the student's record and will outline how to update the student's immunization record. Options for students and their families include:

1. Submit updated immunization records to RCDHU:
 - Using the secure online tool ICON: [Immunization Connect Ontario Tool](#)
 - Email: immunization@rcdhu.com
 - Fax: 613-735-3067
 - Phone: 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004
2. Contact their health care provider to obtain information and any missing vaccinations.
3. Book an appointment at an upcoming RCDHU community ISPA catch-up clinic.
4. High school students can attend an in-school clinic.

For more information on reporting immunizations or booking an immunization appointment, please visit RCDHU's [Immunization webpage](#) or call the Immunization Information Line at 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004.

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