



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

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RCDHU Urges Families to Review, Update and Submit Immunization Records for School-aged Children

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) has started its annual review of immunization records for all students that attend school in Renfrew County and District, as required under the [Immunization of School Pupils Act](#). Keeping routine immunizations up to date is an important precaution to protect children and the community against serious illnesses.

The Immunization of School Pupils Act requires all students attending school in Ontario to be immunized or have a valid exemption for the following nine vaccine-preventable diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal disease, and varicella (for those born after January 1st, 2010).

As part of the review process, immunization notices are being distributed to students who are missing the required vaccines, or whose updated immunizations have not been reported to RCDHU. Students have until February 12, 2026, to update their immunization status and send the information to RCDHU.

If you are a parent/guardian and your child receives an immunization notice, RCDHU is asking you to:

- Review the child's immunization record and the information on the notice
- Contact your health care provider to get updated on any missing immunizations
- Submit any missing vaccinations to RCDHU through one of the following methods:
 - 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
- If you do not have a health care provider, please visit [RCDHU's main Immunization page](#). There, you will find the Online Booking Link to reserve your appointment for [School Immunization Catch-Up Clinics](#) at various locations throughout Renfrew County and district. Please note that RCDHU is also offering immunizations in school for all high school students from grade 9 to 12.

In the spring, a second notice and suspension order will be issued for students whose immunization records remain incomplete or who do not have a valid exemption on file. If records are still not updated, students will be suspended from school. RCDHU will work closely with families to avoid this outcome.

"Routine immunizations prevent serious diseases from spreading in our schools and communities," said Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health for RCDHU. "I appreciate families following up on immunization notices, and I'm asking anyone who receives one to update immunizations and records as soon as possible."

For more information on immunization requirements for attending school, visit the [RCDHU's Immunizations for Children webpage](#) or call the Immunization Information Line at 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004.

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