

Letter to Directors of Education – all District School Boards 2023 – 2024 Vaccination Information

With our return to normal in routine immunizations of students, the following important dates and information regarding the schedule for the upcoming school year is being shared so your Principals have the information to start the upcoming school year.

An initial look at the number of students who are not up to date with mandatory immunizations is very high. Our current numbers indicate 545 students in grades 11 and 12 will not be up to date. With these high numbers and wanting to ensure no additional outbreaks happen this fall we will be proactively engaging with these students over the summer to catch them up. Waiting until the traditional dates in January for immunization suspensions could bring our numbers closer to 1000 students in total out of date and increases the chance of a potential outbreak.

We will proceed with the following from July to September:

- All (JK-Grade 10) immunization notices (if a student is behind in routine immunizations) will be mailed in July and we will follow up with a phone campaign during the summer to book in-office appointments.
- **NEW for 2023** Grade 11 & 12 immunization notices will be mailed on **July 10, 2023**, we will follow up with a phone campaign during the summer to book in-office appointments. **This method will greatly reduce the number of students out of date by the end of the summer.**
- **NEW for 2023** Grade 11 & 12 suspension notices will be mailed out on **August 16, 2023**, we will follow up with a phone campaign to offer in-office appointments.
- **NEW for 2023** Grade 11 & 12 suspension date for students in Parry Sound and Almaguin schools will be on **September 12, 2023**. We will offer in-office appointments and in the Almaguin areas as needed. **The suspensions will start in the West.**
- **NEW for 2023** Grade 11 & 12 suspension date for all other schools/areas will be **September 21, 2023**.

We are aiming for the 545 out of date students to be minimal by the start of the school year and suspensions be a very minimal impact.

Principals in Parry Sound and Almaguin will be contacted with names of students who are not compliant end of day September 11th. We will work with the school to ensure those students can return as quickly as possible.