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To: Health Care Providers
From: Dr. Dueck, Medical Officer of Health
Re: **ISPA - Suspension First Notices Sent; RSV Arexvy Vaccine Eligibility Expanded; Health Canada Formula Recall; New 9-8-8 Canadian Suicide Crisis Helpline**

Immunization of School Pupils Act - Suspension First Notices Sent

To attend school in Ontario, the [Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990 \(ISPA\)](#), requires students to be vaccinated against the following diseases or obtain a valid exemption: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningococcal disease, and Varicella.

First Notices were sent the first week of January for students at risk of suspension per ISPA who need their immunization records reported. A Suspension Order will follow at the end of January for those who are still outstanding. Parents/guardians/students are asked to report vaccines already received to Lambton Public Health, or book an appointment with their health care provider or a public health community clinic. To prevent suspension, student vaccinations must be reported to Lambton Public Health before March 5th. If proof of vaccination is not provided by that date, the student will be suspended until proof of vaccination can be provided.

Health care providers may see an uptick in patients requesting vaccines, due to the letters. Vaccines can be ordered online using Lambton Public Health's new digital vaccine order form: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/vaccine-order-form/>. Health care providers are able to order and administer school-based vaccines to patients, including hepatitis B (HB), human papillomavirus (HPV), and meningococcal conjugate quadrivalent (Men-C-ACYW-135) vaccines.

More information about vaccine clinics, vaccine reporting, and the vaccine exemption process can be found at [GetTheVaccine.ca](#).

For questions or support using the new forms and health care provider web pages, email healthcarepartners@county-lambton.on.ca or call **519-383-8331 ext. 3568** to speak with a member of our health care provider engagement team.



UPDATE: RSV Arexvy Vaccination Eligibility Expanded

The Ontario Ministry of Health has **expanded** eligibility for the publicly funded respiratory syncytial virus RSVpreF3 (Arexvy) vaccination program. The expansion includes individuals 60 years of age and older who are:

- Hospital alternate level of care (ALC) patients;
- Receiving hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis;
- Recipients of solid organ or hematopoietic stem cell transplants;
- Experiencing homelessness;
- Indigenous, including those in urban dwellings.

Previously, the publicly funded RSVpreF3 (Arexvy) vaccination program was limited to individuals 60 years of age and older living in long-term care homes, Elder Care Lodges, and eligible retirement homes (homes licensed to provide dementia care).

The Ministry has updated its RSV factsheets to reflect the change:

- MOH, [RSV Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers](#)
- MOH, [RSV Fact Sheet for Vaccine Recipients](#)

If you would like to order publicly funded RSV vaccine for patients meeting the eligibility criteria listed above, an order form is attached and available [online](#).

Patients ages 60 years and older who do not qualify for Ontario's publicly-funded RSV vaccine can receive a prescription from their primary care provider for purchase.

Hea RECALL: Hypoallergenic Enfamil Brand Formula

An Enfamil brand formula has been recalled by Health Canada due to concerns it may be contaminated with *Cronobacter sakazakii*. Please share this information with those who may have purchased this formula, with details from Health Canada linked below:

- [Enfamil brand Nutramigen A+ LGG Hypoallergenic \(infant formula\) recalled due to possible presence of Cronobacter sakazakii - Canada.ca](#)
- [Cronobacter: Symptoms and treatment - Canada.ca](#)

NEW: 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline launched November 30, 2023 for Individuals Across Canada

A simple three-digit number makes it easier for people to **call or text** to get the help they need, when they need it most: **9-8-8: Suicide Crisis Helpline**.

The service offers trauma-informed and culturally affirming support. The Helpline is available nationwide in English and French, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, visit **<https://988.ca>**.