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**From:** Dr. Dueck, Medical Officer of Health

**Re:** Immunization of School Pupils Act – Student Suspensions; Southwestern Public Health and Grand Erie Public Health Regions NOTICE: Eligible Infant Measles Vaccine Dose: Ages 6 to 11 Months; New Gonorrhoea Treatment Guidance; *Candida auris* infection; Email Address for LPH Health Care Professionals Newsletter

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## Immunization of School Pupils Act – Student Suspensions

Up-to-date immunizations, or a valid exemption, for all Lambton students must be **reported to Lambton Public Health (LPH) before March 4, 2025, to avoid suspension** as per the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*. Information for health care providers:

### **If the student is up-to-date and only needs to report their vaccine record to LPH:**

1. Provide a copy of the student's complete vaccination record for parents/guardians to report to LPH (i.e., yellow card and/or a printed copy of the record with all historical vaccines) to be reported by phone 226-254-8222, [online](#), or in-person at LPH's Exmouth Street location.
2. If a health care provider is reporting the record directly to LPH, please **fax to 519-383-7092**. LPH will confirm the information with the parent/guardian upon receipt of the record.

### **If the student requires additional vaccines listed on the suspension order:**

1. Book an appointment with the student. Vaccines can be ordered online [here](#).
2. Tell the parent/guardian to call LPH at 226-254-8222 to provide the appointment details. Remind parents/guardians that they still need to report vaccinations to LPH after this appointment, or they will receive a suspension notice if not documented in the system.

## Southwestern Public Health and Grand Erie Public Health Regions NOTICE: Eligible Infant Measles Vaccine Dose: Ages 6 to 11 Months

**As a neighbouring jurisdiction, LPH is sharing the following notice from *Southwestern Public Health and Grand Erie Public Health regions* issued on February 4, 2025, in response to the ongoing measles activity in those regions which are currently “areas of concern” for measles activity in the province.**

Effective immediately, in order to provide protection against measles illness through vaccination to infants ages 6 months to 11 months of age who live, play, travel to, worship, or otherwise, in the *Southwestern Public Health and/or Grand Erie Public Health regions* may receive a publicly funded dose of measles-containing vaccine. Two additional doses of measles containing vaccine will be required after 12 months of age to ensure long lasting immunity to measles.

### From Public Health Ontario:

- The use of MMR vaccine down to 6 months of age for infants at risk of measles exposure (in the setting of an outbreak-affected area or travel) is a long-standing off-label vaccine recommendation from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI).
- The Canadian Immunization Guide (CIG) states, “Immunization with MMR vaccine is an integral element of a comprehensive measles outbreak prevention and management strategy. In a measles outbreak, susceptible individuals 6 months of age and older may receive MMR vaccine. However, if given between 6 months and less than 12 months of age, 2 additional doses of measles-containing vaccine must be administered after the child is 12 months old (and at least 4 weeks after the previous dose) to ensure long lasting immunity to measles.”
  - The CIG states, “On the basis of expert opinion, the MMR vaccines authorized in Canada may be used interchangeably.”
  - Infants 6 months of age and older may be vaccinated for this purpose with appropriate doses of Priorix® or MMRII®.
    - Public Health is only able to provide what is shipped to us from the Ontario Government Pharmacy.

## New Gonorrhea Treatment Guidance

Please refer to important information regarding [new national gonorrhea treatment guidelines from the Public Health Agency of Canada](#), for application in Ontario per the attached memo from Ontario's Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

## Candida auris infection

As of January 1, 2025, Ontario's Ministry of Health has designated ***Candida auris* infection** a reportable disease of public health significance, with details in the Ministry of Health's [Candida auris appendix, 2025](#). All suspect or confirmed cases of *Candida auris* infection must be [reported to LPH](#). Public Health Ontario's (PHO) webinar to support health care settings with managing cases and outbreaks of *Candida auris* will be held on February 11, from 1-2 pm via [PHO Rounds](#).

## Email Address for LPH Health Care Professionals Newsletter

The email address for the LPH Health Care Professionals Newsletter will be updated as LPH moves to Everbridge to distribute important information for health care professionals.

Please add the updated Everbridge sender email address: [noreply@everbridge.net](mailto:noreply@everbridge.net) to your contact list to ensure receipt of the LPH Health Care Professionals Newsletter.

LPH is moving to Everbridge to enhance communication of pertinent information from your local public health unit. For any feedback or questions during this transition, please share with: [HealthCarePartners@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:HealthCarePartners@county-lambton.on.ca)

Thank you for your valuable care provided to Lambton County residents.