

Date: Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025

From: Dr. Dueck, Medical Officer of Health

Re: *Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990* – Implementation Timeline

This memo provides health care providers with the 2025-26 school year implementation timeline for enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990*.

Background

Lambton Public Health's role is to enforce the *Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990* ("ISPA"), which includes the operation of a school vaccination program. In accordance with ISPA, Lambton Public Health must have a complete record of required immunizations or a valid exemption form on file for every student attending school in Lambton County.

Parents/guardians of a student ("pupil") are required under Section 3 of ISPA to complete the prescribed program of immunization for each designated disease under ISPA, which includes the provision of up-to-date reporting of their child's vaccination status or the provision of one of the prescribed exemption forms under ISPA. The failure to do so constitutes non-compliance with ISPA. Section 6 of ISPA authorizes the Medical Officer of Health to issue orders that require persons operating a school to suspend pupils from attendance for such non-compliance with ISPA.

Timeline

On **January 6, 2026**, Lambton Public Health will mail an 'Immunization Notice' to parents/guardians of school-aged children with incomplete immunization records.

If proof of immunization or a valid exemption is not provided to Lambton Public Health by **March 9, 2026**, the student will be suspended from school on **March 10, 2026**, as per ISPA.

If the student is up-to-date and only needs to report their immunizations:

Please provide parents/guardians with a copy of the student's complete immunization record. They can report the information to Lambton Public Health by one of the following:

- **Online:** www.LambtonPublicHealth.ca
- **Phone:** 226-254-8222
- **In-person:** 160 Exmouth Street, Point Edward, ON

If the student requires immunizations listed on the Suspension Order:

- Book an immunization appointment for the student to receive the immunizations.
- Advise the parents/guardians to report immunizations to Lambton Public Health.
- If the immunization appointment is scheduled after the March 10, 2026 suspension date, advise the parents/guardians to report the confirmed appointment time to Lambton Public Health so the student can be temporarily removed from the suspension list, with proof the immunizations will be received at the appointment.

Vaccine Ordering: [Lambton Public Health online order form:](#)

- <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/health-care-professionals/vaccine-order-form/>

For Further Information: Visit www.LambtonPublicHealth.ca for details regarding:

- Lambton Public Health vaccine clinics.
- Vaccine reporting.
- Vaccine exemption process.
- **Phone:** 226-254-8222