



Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) - Update

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- Immunization 2020
- Protecting Patients Act



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Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)

- Requires Ontario students attending school to have up to date immunizations against designated diseases
- Specifically, students are required to be immunized against:
 - Diphtheria
 - Tetanus
 - Polio
 - Measles
 - Mumps
 - Rubella
 - Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
 - Varicella (Chicken Pox)
 - Meningococcal Disease



Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)

- Requirements align with Ontario's current Immunization schedule
- All students who have received all recommended vaccines per the immunization schedule will be up to date
- Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit (LGLDHU) reviews records annually for students in our area
- Students who do not meet the minimum requirements receive a letter requesting the required immunization information



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Reminders:

- 1st dose of MMR to be given on or after the first birthday
- Men-C to be given on or after the first birthday
- Varicella is required for children born in 2010 and later
- High school students require: Men-C-ACYW (offered in Grade 7), 14-16 year booster and two MMR's after their first birthday



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Immunization 2020

- Introduced in 2015, this strategy is designed to strengthen Ontario's publicly funded immunization program by 2020
- The strategy supports Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care
- To be successful we need to put people and patients first and take action to better protect Ontarians against preventable diseases



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Immunization 2020

- As part of the strategy, Ontario proposed changes to the Immunization of School Pupils Act, to strengthen requirements for vaccine exemptions
- The proposed legislative change, would require parents or guardians seeking non-medical exemptions to complete an education session delivered by their local Public Health Unit



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Protecting Patients Act

**Introduced in December 2016 – Received Royal Assent
May 30, 2017**

Schedule 2 amends the Immunization of School Pupils Act:

1. To require parents to complete an immunization education session before filing a statement of conscience or religious belief
2. To expand the categories of persons who may provide statements regarding the administration of immunizing agents
3. To require those who administer immunizing agents to provide information to the local medical officer of health (MOH)



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Conscience or Religious Belief Exemption Education Sessions

- Began offering sessions in February 2018
 - 6 in Smiths Falls
 - 4 in Brockville
- All sessions were held in the evening at the Health Unit offices
 - All participants rated session as respectful
 - All continued to seek an exemption following the session
- Parents only have to attend the session once



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