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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

FROM: Dr. Joanna Oda, Associate Medical Officer of Health

DATE: September 12, 2023

RE: Register for October 4 webinar re. "Why is my patient getting a school suspension warning letter? How the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* impacts your practice"

QUICK FACTS

- Register now for the upcoming Mainpro+ accredited webinar (October 4 from 7-8 p.m.), [Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Focus on Immunization – Why is my patient getting a school suspension warning letter? How the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* impacts your practice.](#)
- Any interested healthcare professional is welcome to register.
- To prevent infectious diseases from spreading among children and adolescents at school who are not vaccinated, Halton Region Public Health has resumed enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)*, beginning with high school students in the 2023-2024 school year.
- Learn about vaccines required for school attendance, the importance of parents reporting vaccines to Public Health and the upcoming ISPA enforcement program in Halton. Join Dr. Joanna Oda, Halton Region's Associate Medical Officer of Health to learn about:
 - Local immunization coverage and reporting rates for the publicly funded, school-aged program in Halton and how we compare to provincial coverage rates
 - What vaccines are included under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)* and the difference between medical and non-medical exemptions
 - The *ISPA* process and how physicians can support families and avoid school suspension by following the Act.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Focus on Immunization](#), Halton Region Public Health
- [School Based Vaccines Information for Physicians](#), Halton Region Public Health
- [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario](#), June 2022, Ministry of Health

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Webinar invitation – Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Focus on immunization

Why is my patient getting a school suspension warning letter?

How the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* impacts your practice

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Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Time: 7-8 p.m.

Register: Online ([registration form](#))



Learning objectives:

Overall series learning objective:

By attending the Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians series, participants will be able to identify and discuss relevant and recent information about approaches to the prevention, diagnosis and management of key public health issues impacting their family medicine practice in both rural and urban settings.

Learning objectives for this session:

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe local immunization coverage and reporting rates for the publicly funded, school-aged program in Halton and how Halton compares to provincial coverage rates.
- Outline what vaccines are included under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)* and the difference between medical and non-medical exemptions.
- Understand the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)* process and how physicians can support families and avoid school suspension by following the Act.

Submit your questions in advance through the registration form.

Keynote Speaker:



Dr. Joanna Oda, MD, MHSc, FRCPC

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