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## Immunization Notice Time is Near!

In late fall, the Health Department will be sending **immunization notices** to students whose records are **not up-to-date** for the 2019/20 school year.

### What to do if a student brings you an immunization notice:

1. Compare your record with the Health Department record printed on the back of the notice.
2. If your record:
  - a. does not match our record, and a missing vaccine has been administered, please provide an **update** on the front of the notice; or
  - b. matches our record, and the student is missing vaccines needed for their age and schedule, please **administer** and provide the **vaccine information** and **date administered** on the front of the notice.

According to the [Canadian Immunization Guide](#), if a student is **overdue** for **multiple vaccines**, **all vaccines** should be given; **administering multiple vaccines at one time is safe**. Routine vaccines **can still be provided** to students with **minor illnesses**, such as an upper respiratory tract infection, otitis media, mild gastrointestinal illness or concurrent antibiotic therapy. Generally, if a patient is **well enough to present for immunization** in the **outpatient setting**, he/she is **well enough to be immunized**.

### Scenarios to be aware of:

- Tdap-IPV 4-6 year booster given **before** the student's **4th birthday** requires another dose.
- If students younger than 7 don't have 3 primary doses of Pediacel (DTaP-IPV-Hib) a booster of Pediacel is required. Tdap-IPV is not sufficient as it has **less** antigens of diphtheria and pertussis.
- If MMR, Varicella or Men-C-C was given before the student's **1st birthday**, a booster is needed.
- If live vaccines were given **too close together** (e.g., Varicella, MMR), a booster is required for the **2nd vaccine** given. For minimum intervals, refer to the [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario](#) (Table 15).
- Students in grades 8 to 12 require **one dose** of Men-C-ACYW135 (Menactra®, Menveo®). Do **not** administer Men-C-C as a substitute for Men-C-ACYW135.
- If a child cannot receive immunization(s) for medical reasons, download and complete the [Statement of Medical Exemption- Immunization of School Pupils Act](#), [durham.ca/hcp](http://durham.ca/hcp)

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