

# Memorandum

ATTENTION: Healthcare Providers in Grey-Bruce

FROM: Grey Bruce Public Health

DATE: Feb. 14, 2024

RE: GBPH's Suspension Program



On behalf of Grey Bruce Public Health, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your ongoing collaboration and continued efforts to protect Grey-Bruce residents from vaccine-preventable diseases.

This memo is intended to provide you with information about GBPH's Suspension Program for spring 2024 and how you, as local health care providers, can help to ensure your patients' immunization information with Public Health is up to date and adheres to the requirements of Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA).

This spring, GBPH will be focusing its Suspension Program on students in junior kindergarten and those who are 17 years of age.

As part of our suspension prevention efforts, Grey Bruce Public Health will be reviewing the immunization records we have on file for junior kindergarten and 17-year-old students and working with the families of those students who are not up to date on required vaccines or whose records have missing/incomplete information to help bring them into compliance with the ISPA.

Public Health will be sending notices to parents/guardians of students who do not meet ISPA requirements and are at risk of suspension. These notices will outline which vaccines the student requires.

Issuing these notices may result in your offices receiving an increased volume of calls from parents who are seeking immunization information. Promptly sending Public Health the records of children immunized at your clinic may help to reduce the number of calls made to your office by parents.

**To support Public Health's ISPA activities, we are asking healthcare providers to:**

- Fax updated immunization records for students (in JK or aged 17) to GBPH at 519-376-7782 directly following administration;
- Provide parents with a copy of their child's updated immunization record. **Healthcare providers are obligated to provide this service free of charge.**

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519-376-9420

1-800-263-3456

Fax 519-376-0605

Any ISPA-related questions can be directed to a Public Health Nurse in the Vaccine Preventable Diseases program by calling 519-376-9420 and selecting Option 2.

Sincerely,

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