

Media Release

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CK Public Health is making it easy for local parents and guardians to get their student's immunizations up to date and reported.

The health unit is required to assess the immunization records of all Chatham-Kent students to make sure they are following the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* (ISPA), 1990.

The *Immunization of School Pupils Act* (ISPA), 1990, Section 3 Subsection 1, states that all students attending school in Ontario must complete the prescribed program of immunization, unless they have a medical or philosophical exemption on file.

Right now, there are over 2800 elementary students and 1500 secondary students overdue across Chatham-Kent. Any students who do not have updated immunizations or have not submitted an exemption will receive a suspension order from CK Public Health. Immunization information needs to be updated before March 7, 2023 to avoid suspension. Families should contact their healthcare provider to get their outstanding immunizations and report this information to CK Public Health as soon as possible. Those in need of Meningococcal vaccine can call CK Public Health.

"We do have a number of local students who are not up to date or maybe who are up to date, but their parents haven't yet reported their immunizations", states Carina Caryn, CK Public Health Program Manager, "If you require an appointment with us, please call us soon as spaces are filling up quickly."

CK Public Health is hosting the following clinics throughout the month of February and early March:

WISH Centre (Front Room) – 177 King Street East, Chatham from 9AM-3PM
February 7, 14, 22, 27, 28
March 1, 2, 3, 6

CK Public Health Clinic Services (Suite 2)– 177 King Street East, Chatham from 9AM-4PM
February 9, 16, 23

Appointments can be booked by calling 519-352-7270 X 2457

Those looking to report their child's immunizations can do so using any one of the following options:

Online: www.CKPublicHealth.com/vaccinations

Phone: 519-352-7270 X 2457

Fax: 519-436-3214

For more information, visit www.CKPublicHealth.com/SchoolShots

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