

**MEDIA RELEASE****Jan 26, 2026****CK Public Health Issues Notices for Students with Incomplete Immunization Records**

CK Public Health has issued 1,734 first-notice letters to parents and guardians of students with incomplete immunization records

Under Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990 (ISPA), students are required to be vaccinated against - or have a valid exemption for - the following diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningococcal Disease (Meningitis), and Varicella (Chicken Pox).

CK Public Health emphasizes that immunization records are not automatically shared with the health unit by health care providers. As a result, parents may receive a notice even if their child is fully vaccinated.

"Approximately a quarter of the first notices were mailed to families with children starting Kindergarten," said Dr Shanker Nesathurai, Medical Officer of Health for CK Public Health. "The beginning of school comes with a lot for parents to remember. As part of getting ready, we want to remind parents to forward their child's immunization information to CK Public Health before the start of school."

If you received a first notice, CK Public Health is asking you to take the following steps to make sure your child stays in compliance with the ISPA and avoids suspension:

1. **Review** your child's immunization records to confirm they are complete.
2. **Contact** your healthcare provider for missing vaccinations or reach out to the CK Public Health School Health Team for clinic options.
3. **Submit updated immunization information** to CK Public Health:
  - a. Online at [www.ckphu.com/child-immunizations](http://www.ckphu.com/child-immunizations)
  - b. Mail/In-Person at 435 Grand Ave East, Chatham ON (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
  - c. Phone at 519-352-7270 ext 2457

The first-notice letter is the initial step in the ISPA process. If records remain incomplete, a Suspension Order will be issued the first week of February. Students who do not meet requirements by **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026** will be suspended from school.

CK Public Health is committed to keeping students in the classroom and is ready to collaborate with parents to ensure their child's vaccines are completed and accurately reported. For more information visit [CKPublicHealth.com/child-immunizations](http://CKPublicHealth.com/child-immunizations).

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