



Public Health Update – April 2018

Plan ahead, order vaccine: Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) Notifications and Suspensions

During the week of March 28th, Health Units sent notification letters to Elgin and St. Thomas elementary students attending the following schools:

Elementary Block 2	Suspension Day
Elgin Court Public School	May 16, 2018
Forest Park Public School	
Faith Christian Academy	
John Wise Public School	
June Rose Callwood	
Locke's Public School	
Mitchell Hepburn Public School	
Monsignor Morrison Catholic School	
Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion	
Port Stanley Public School	
Southwold Public School	
Sparta Public School	
St. Anne's Catholic School	
St. Thomas Community Christian	

- Students, missing any mandatory immunizations or who have not provided records of receiving the mandatory immunizations, required to attend school under ISPA, will be suspended from school on May 16th, 2018.
- As a reminder, students born in or after 2010 must have received 2 doses of varicella vaccine or provide a completed medical exemption form to ESTPH by the deadline.
- You may experience an increase in the number of enquires about immunizations as we encourage students to check their records with their Healthcare Provider, then receive any outstanding immunizations, and report these immunizations to Elgin St. Thomas Public Health.
- Vaccines can be reported using our website www.elginhealth.on.ca/vaccineswork. Thank you for being our partner in ensuring St. Thomas and Elgin is up to date on vaccinations!

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Changes to Immunization Exemption Process

- As of September 1st, 2017, parents seeking to exempt their children from the requirements of the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) are now required to take additional steps to obtain a valid exemption in the province of Ontario. For more information, [click here](#)
- For information about upcoming Immunization Education Sessions in our area, [click here](#)

Sign up your practice to join the Healthy Growth Initiative

- The Better Outcomes Registry & Network (BORN), Ontario's prescribed maternal, newborn and child registry, is leading the development and implementation of a provincial system to obtain accurate and timely information on pediatric growth parameters from the Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) of primary care providers.
- The goal of the Healthy Growth Initiative is to collect comprehensive data on children from birth to 18 years of age in order to assist health care providers, public health units and policy makers in the promotion and support of a healthy lifestyle for all children in the province.
- Elgin St. Thomas Public Health is asking primary care providers (including nurse practitioners and family health teams) to share data that currently exists in their EMRs with BORN.
- This does not require any additional work by the provider. More information can be found at www.bornontario.ca

Save the Date

Infection Prevention and Control 101: Community Health Settings

- Date: June 13, 2018
- Topics:
 - Best Practice Guidelines for Infection Control in Clinical Office Practices and Core Competencies
 - Occupational Health and Safety
 - Environmental Cleaning
 - Reprocessing

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