Forward Momentum

Our path to keeping children safe from outbreaks in school using the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*

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Sample of program areas: Accounting Client/Reception Services **Facilities Human Resources** Information Technology Privacy and Access to Information Quality

Records Management

Risk Management

Volunteer Resources

Sample of program areas:

Emergency Management Food Safety

Health Hazard Prevention and Management Healthy Built and Natural Environments Infectious and Communicable Disease Prevention and Control (including Rabies and Vectorborne Diseases)

Part 8/Ontario Building Code (Septic Systems) Safe Water

Sexual Health, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Blood-borne Infections (including HIV)

Prenatal and Postnatal Nurse Practitioner Smoke Free Enforcement

Tuberculosis Prevention and Control

Sample of program areas:

Family Health

Healthy Babies Healthy Children

Healthy Communities Injury Prevention

Mental Health and Substance Use

Oral Health

Prevention of Chronic Diseases (Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights, Sleep, Comprehensive Tobacco Control, Physical Activity,

Exposure to Ultraviolet Radiation, Alcohol Use)

School Health

Vaccine Preventable Diseases (includes COVID-19)

Vision Health Screening Workplace Wellness

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Sample of program areas:

Health Equity

Performance Monitoring

Sample of program areas: Indigenous Engagement

Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Program Evaluation Research and Knowledge Exchange Staff Development Student Education Communications Strategic Planning

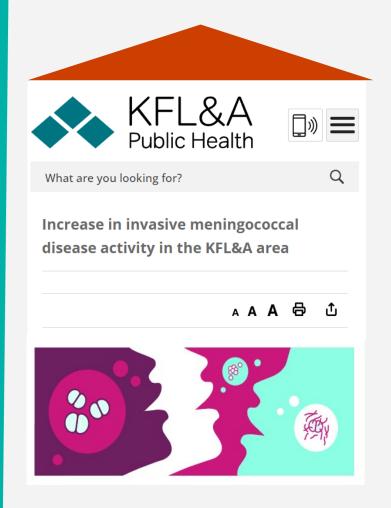
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An overview of the *Immunization* of School Pupils Act

- Protects children against nine designated diseases
- Requires boards of health to collect, maintain, assess and enforce immunization requirements for these diseases
- Improves health and health equity



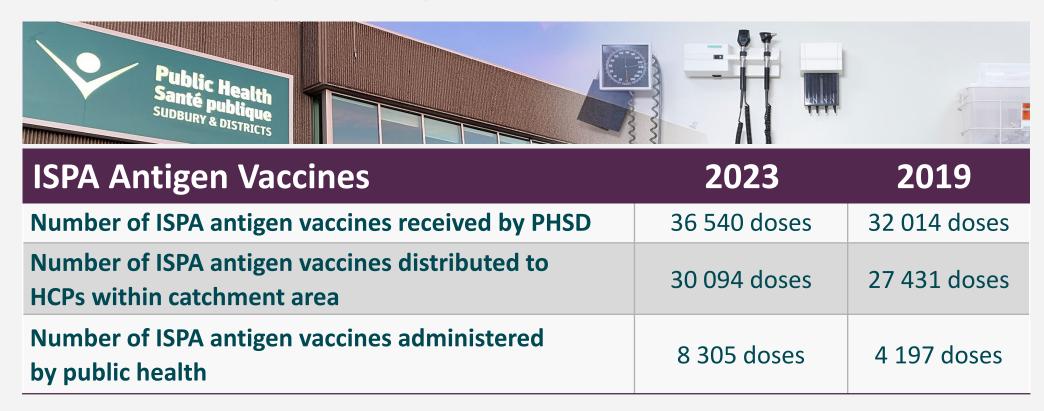
Highlighting the importance of ISPA







Where are publicly funded vaccines available?



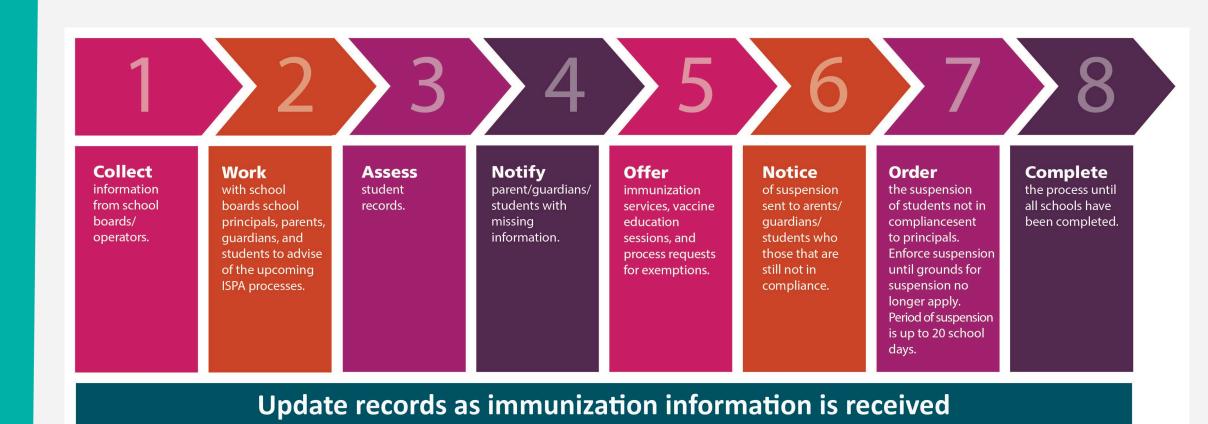
Health care providers are not yet required to report the vaccines they administer to public health. #futuregoals

Local context for ISPA enforcement





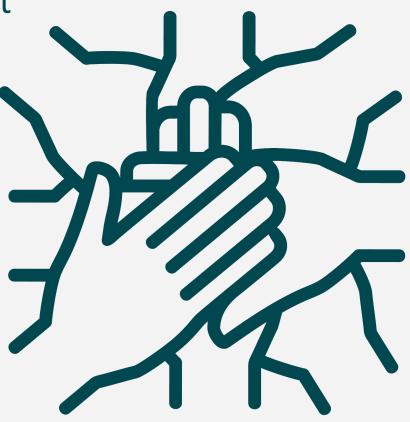
What is the ISPA process?



Collaboration for quality improvement

Work with the population health assessment and surveillance team to

- create efficiencies in the submission and upload of data
- support improvements in data quality
- consolidate data analysis and reporting
- create opportunities for new relationships/partnerships to further streamline data upload processes



2022/23 ISPA Highlights

Vaccine records were assessed for students at all:

79 elementary and 23 secondary schools in the service area

8 593 notification letter were sent

2 068 students were suspended

Public Health Sudbury & Districts completed its first ISPA enforcement post pandemic to ensure our students are protected against vaccine preventable diseases.

ISPA fall 2023 by the numbers

Elementary schools

4 533 first letters

3 046 second letters (notice of suspension)

1 063 students suspended on day 1

12 days suspension on average

Exemptions in 2023

280 exemptions filed

244 number of vaccine education sessions conducted

ISPA Winter/Spring 2024 by the numbers

Secondary school to date

- **1 706** first letters
- 1 278 second letters (notice of suspension)

Exemptions 2024 to date

- 7 exemptions filed
- 18 vaccine education sessions conducted

Key strategies to increase immunization coverage

 Spreading the word to encourage reporting of or receiving immunizations.

 Reaching out to key partners for information and support (including health care providers and clinics).



Key strategies to increase immunization coverage continued

- Providing opportunities for catch-up
 (offering catch-up immunization clinics during the summer,
 weekday including drop-in services, professional activity day clinics).
- Reinforcing vaccine confidence in our community
 - Building trust with individuals, parents and partners
 - Empowering health care providers





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