

Forward Momentum

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

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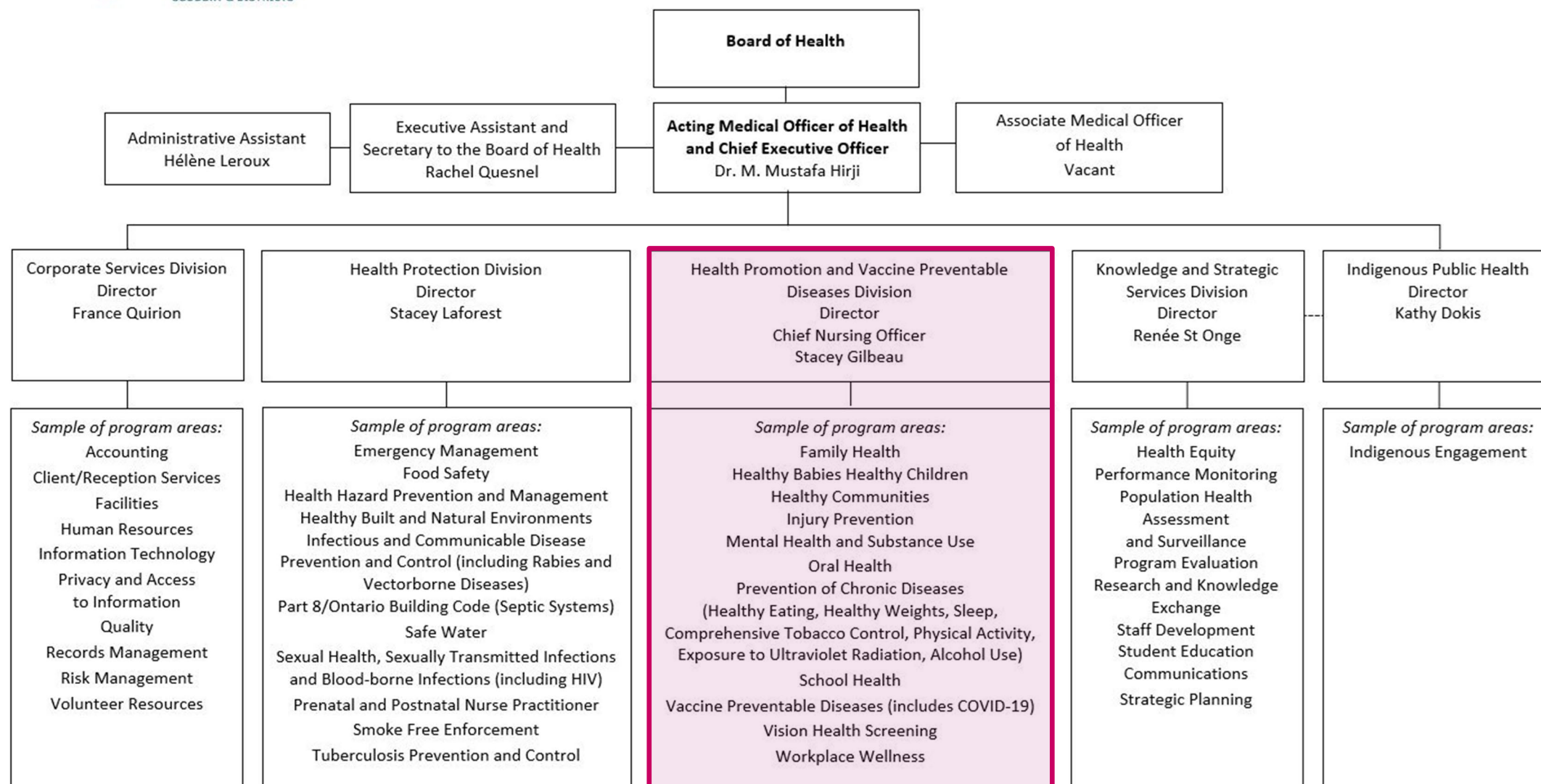
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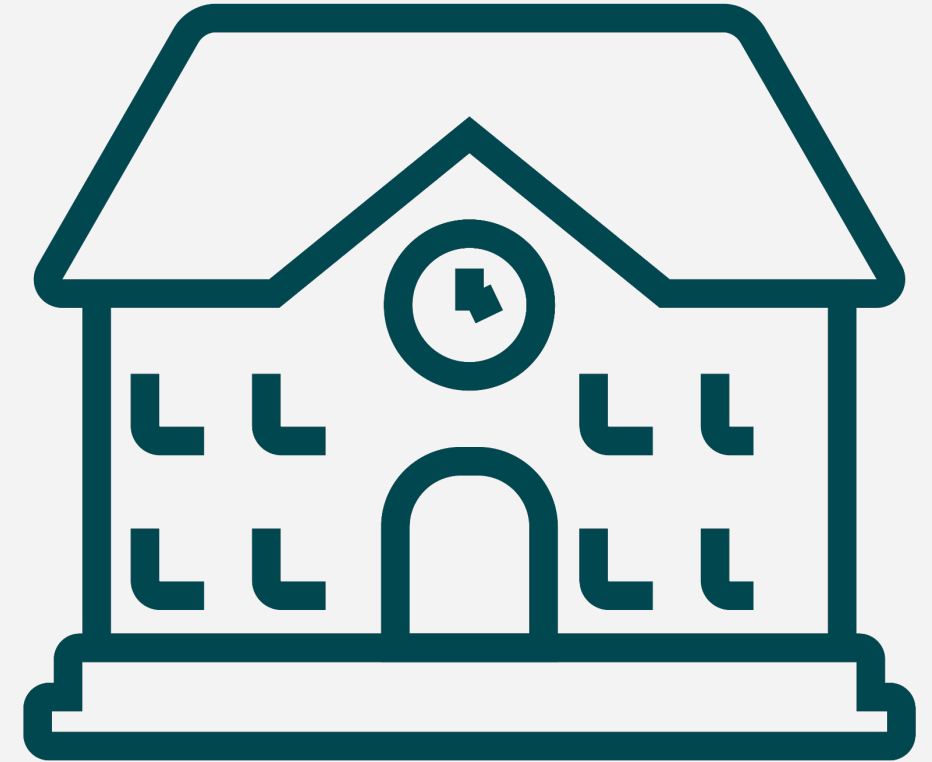
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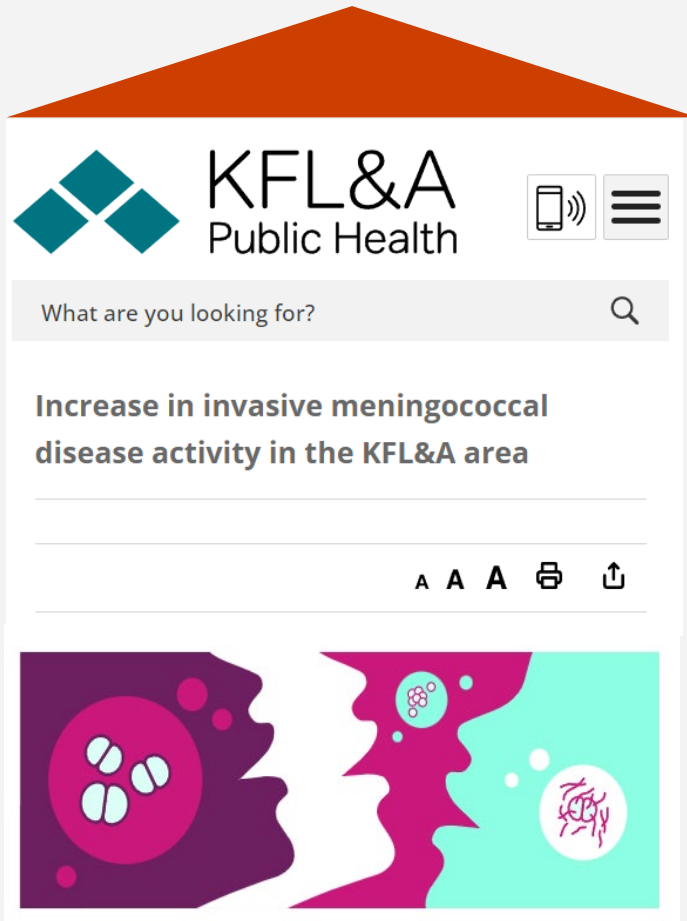
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An overview of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*

- 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?



ISPA Antigen Vaccines	2023	2019
Number of ISPA antigen vaccines received by PHSD	36 540 doses	32 014 doses
Number of ISPA antigen vaccines distributed to HCPs within catchment area	30 094 doses	27 431 doses
Number of ISPA antigen vaccines administered by public health	8 305 doses	4 197 doses

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

Local context for ISPA enforcement

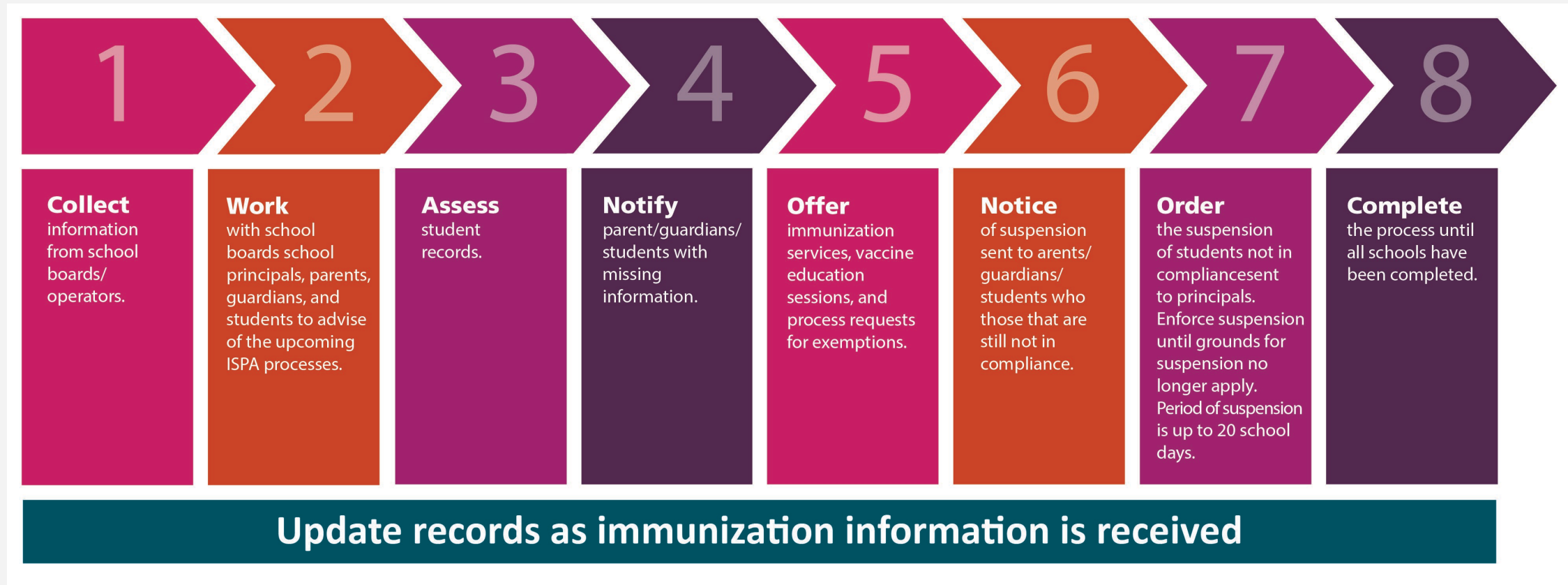


79 elementary schools
assessed in 2023*



24 secondary schools
for grade 9 to 12 students in 2024

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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