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Students must show proof of vaccinations

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While the majority of families in Halton immunize their children, many are unaware that they need to notify the Halton Region Health Department about any immunizations their children have or do not have, said Dr. Hamidah Meghani, Halton Region's Medical Officer of Health in a release last week.

In order to prevent suspension, we re making it easier for students to get updated immunizations by holding clinics in their school and easy to report immunizations to the Health Department, added the release.

Students born in 1999 and 2000, who don t have exemptions on file, must show proof they ve been vaccinated against the following nine illnesses to avoid possible suspension:

- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- · Polio
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Meningococcal Disease introduced in

2014/15 school year)

- · Pertussis (whooping cough) (introduced in 2014/15 school year)
- Varicella (chicken pox) (introduced in 2014/15 school year)

Families with potentially impacted students received notices from the Health Department in July and are currently being notified in advance of the clinics at each high school, said the Region in the release.

The Region has created a number of options for parents to submit immunizations records including an online photo immunization reporting system which can be accessed at either the region s website or through the HaltonOne app, available on both Android and Apple devices.

Parents can also call 3-1-1 or drop off copies of immunization records to the Halton Region Health Department (1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville), or any of the Halton Region Health clinics in Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and Acton.

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