



# Immunization in Hamilton: Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) Compliance

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# Outline

- Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)
  - Roles and Responsibilities
  - Screening and Suspension Process
- How Hamilton compares
- Who isn't immunizing
- Video







### ISPA

- Provincial legislation
- Applies to elementary and high school students
- Tells us
  - Diseases where immunization is required
  - Who is responsible for what



### Diseases in the ISPA

- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Polio
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella (German measles)
- Meningococcal disease
- Varicella (chickenpox)

## Roles and Responsibilities: ISPA and Vaccine Program

Role	Responsibility
Parents	-Immunize children
	-Report child's vaccines to public health
Physicians and	-Immunize children
nurses	-Give parents a written record of vaccines (Yellow Card)
Medical Officer	-Screening and suspension process (vaccine or exemption on file)
of Health	-Enter data into Panorama
	-Give Grade 7 vaccines to students (HPV, HBV, meningococcal)
School	-Provide school and class lists to public health
operator	-Allow public health to give Grade 7 vaccines in school
	-Enforce suspension orders from the Medical Officer of Health

#### **Screening & Suspension Process**



## How does Hamilton compare?

Birth year	Measles	Mumps	Rubella	Diphth.	Tetanus	Pertuss.	Polio	Mening.
2008 (HAM)	97.7%	97.6%	98.7%	95.8%	95.8%	95.8%	95.9%	95.8%
2005 (ON)	88.3%	87.9%	95.2%	74.6%	74.6%	72.6%	74.2%	NA
1998 (HAM)	97.1%	97.0%	97.5%	78.9%	78.9%	77.7%	96.8%	93.6%
1995 (ON)	95.4%	93.7%	97.1%	84.0%	84.0%	69.9%	94.3%	89.4%

Diphth. – diphtheria, Pertuss. – pertussis, Mening. - meningococcal HAM – Hamilton, ON – Ontario 2008, 2005 – 7 year olds 1998, 1995 – 17 year olds

## Who doesn't immunize

- 2-3% have exemptions (medical and non-medical)
- Associations with:
  - Higher median household income
  - Higher % college graduates
  - Higher proportion "white" ethnicity
  - Lower percentage families in poverty
- Immigrant mothers more likely to have their children up-to-date on vaccines than nonimmigrant mothers

## **Providing the Science**

• Example of a parent info sheet

It is worse to get Hep B than the vaccine.



## Summary

- Hamilton shows high levels of protection against vaccine-preventable diseases
- Pockets of lower immunization can occur
- Best protection keep up-to-date
- Vaccines are safe and effective always immunize on time

#### Questions

