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Hon. Sylvia Jones  
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Dear Minister Jones:

**Re: PPH Board of Health Support for a Provincial Immunization Registry**

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health to indicate its strong support for the Ontario Immunization Advisory Committee's recommendation to establish an Immunization Registry for all residents of Ontario.

Immunizations registries are centralized electronic systems that hold immunization information of residents. They facilitate "timely, accurate recording of all relevant immunization information, regardless of where and by whom vaccines are administered."<sup>1</sup> Currently, the immunization records for residents of Ontario may be stored at a wide variety of locations including physician offices, clinics, public health agencies, and pharmacies, to name a few.

In September, 2024, the Ontario Immunization Advisory Committee (OIAC) released a position statement strongly urging that Ontario Ministry of Health develop a provincial immunization registry. The OIAC recommends that such a registry include vaccination records for all residents and ensure real-time access to everyone, including their health care providers. The OIAC position statement also outlines seven recommendations on what is needed for Ontario to implement an immunization registry<sup>2</sup> that meets the "need of diverse populations and ensure timely and equitable access to individual immunization records."<sup>3</sup>

An Ontario-wide immunization registry would address many of the challenges with the current system, including:

- eliminate the need for parents to report vaccinations to local public health agencies;
- reduce the risk of inaccurate information being reported;
- help identify individuals who are overdue on their immunizations;
- prevent duplication of immunizations;
- reduce resources needed to enter data;
- lower school suspension rates; and
- enable evaluation of immunization programs.

We respectfully request that the Ministry employ the powerful and efficient technology that is now available to develop a provincial Immunization Registry that will ease administrative burdens, increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the health care system and meet the needs of all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

Councillor Joy Lachica  
Chair, Board of Health

cc: Local MPPs  
Peterborough Family Health Team  
Peterborough Ontario Health Team  
Peterborough Regional Health Centre  
Association of Local Public Health Agencies  
Ontario Boards of Health

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<sup>1</sup> [Immunization records: Canadian Immunization Guide - Canada.ca](#)

<sup>2</sup> [OIAAC Position Statement: A Provincial Immunization Registry for Ontario \(publichealthontario.ca\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.