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### Ont. students facing suspension over incomplete vaccination records



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Suspensions could be on the way for tens of thousands of students in the Greater Toronto Area who haven't submitted updated information about their vaccinations.

In Toronto alone, 45,000 elementary and high school students are about to get notices that they are being suspended because they either haven't had all their vaccinations or because their parents have yet to submit the paperwork showing they are up to date.

#### FACEBOOK ACTIVITY



#### CTV Toronto News Anchor Michelle Dubé:

To other news now on the education front suspensions could be on the way for tens of thousands of students in the GTA and this is all because they don't have updated information about their vaccinations. CTV's Paul Bliss is at Queen's Park where the Health Minister is telling parents to get going, Paul.

#### CTV Toronto News Reporter Paul Bliss:

Yes that's right Michelle. It's up to the parents not only to make sure their children have the vaccinations but also to make sure that they have the proper records that are up to date to submit them to the schools and the local public health departments. The Health Minister, Dr. Eric Hoskins, is a bit worried about the trend that the documentation hasn't been done. He's toured a hospital in downtown Toronto this morning and was telling reporters that it's extremely important that all children receive the mandatory vaccinations.

Plus it is the law. But keeping accurate records is a big part of the problem that's underway right now. In Toronto alone, 45,000 students are about to get warnings of suspensions that might be on the way because either they haven't updated their shots or their parents have yet to submit the paperwork showing that they're up to date.

**Ontario Health Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins:**

It is a legal requirement in this province. It is subject to suspension as they know but they have been given every opportunity in most cases and I think in all cases several letters provided to the family members to the parents prior to this decision or the warning that if they don't immunize their child their child could be subject to suspension.

**CTV Toronto News Reporter Paul Bliss:**

Ontario recently launched a central database that's designed to track vaccinations and allow public health departments to communicate with the schools and keep up to date but it's behind schedule and it's over budget and it has yet to be able to link everybody so there is a gap in the system. That's why parents have to through paperwork submit all of their updated vaccinations. The minister is reminding parents that local health departments are offering free clinics so that the children can get up to date on all of their vaccines. Live at Queen's Park I'm Paul Bliss, back to you.



**“It’s extremely important that all children receive the mandatory vaccinations. Plus, it is the law.”**