

Your Child's Immunization Record: Information for Families

Vaccines help keep children healthy by preventing the spread of serious illnesses in our community. Children attending a licensed childcare centre (e.g., daycare) or going to school in Ontario should get vaccinated based on the [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules](#).

Why Track Your Child's Immunizations?

- Needed when registering for childcare.
- Needed to attend elementary and secondary school in Ontario.
- May be needed when registering for summer camp and/or after school programs.
- May be needed when travelling.

Ways to Track Your Child's Immunizations

- Using Ontario's secure online system. Visit immune.wechu.org
- Have your health care provider update your child's yellow Personal Immunization Record.
- Request a copy of your child's immunization history from your health care provider.

PUBLICLY FUNDED IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES FOR ONTARIO STUDENTS (JUNE 2022)

Age at vaccination	Diphtheria	Tetanus	Pertussis	Polio (IPV)	Haemophilus influenzae type b	Pneumo-conjugate-13	Rotavirus	Measles	Mumps	Rubella	Men-conjugate-C	Men-conjugate-ACYW	Varicella	Hepatitis B	Human Papillomavirus	Influenza (Flu)
2 months	*	*	*	*	*	o	o									
4 months	*	*	*	*	*	o	o									
6 months	*	*	*	*	*											
12 months						o		*	*	*	*					
15 months													*			
18 months	*	*	*	*	*											
4-6 yrs	*	*	*	*				*	*	*			*			
12 yrs (Gr. 7)											*			o	o	
14-16 yrs	*	*	*													

* Required to attend school. o Highly recommended.

o Every year in the fall.

Requirements for Custodial Parents and Legal Guardians

The Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA) is a law in Ontario that requires childcare centres to collect a child's immunization information or a valid exemption at registration. **Custodial parents and legal guardians are responsible for keeping their child's immunizations up to date and providing this information to the childcare centre.**

The Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) is a law in Ontario that requires children attending elementary and secondary school to be immunized against 9 infectious diseases or have a valid exemption. **The ISPA also requires custodial parents and legal guardians with children attending school to report immunizations to their local Public Health Unit.** Ways to report updated immunization information are provided on the next page. Note, health care providers are not required to report immunization information to Public Health Units.

The Role of Public Health Units in Ontario

In Ontario, the ISPA requires Public Health Units (PHU) to document and review the immunization records of children attending licensed childcare centres and schools to ensure they are up to date. PHU staff do this by working with local licensed childcare centre and school staff, health care providers, and families. Together, this work helps keep children and the public protected from vaccine-preventable illnesses and helps PHU staff prevent and manage disease outbreaks in our community.

The **Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU)** is your local Public Health Unit. Every school year, the WECHU reviews the immunization information on file for elementary and secondary school students in our region. Families of students found to have incomplete immunization information are contacted. Learn more about the WECHU's work by visiting www.wechu.org/your-health/immunization

Ways to Report Immunization Information to the WECHU

- Online: immune.wechu.org
- Phone: 519-258-2146, ext. 1222 or toll free 1-800-265-5822 ext. 1222
- Fax: 519-258-7288
- In-Person:
 - 1005 Ouellette Avenue, Windsor
 - 33 Princess Street, Leamington

To protect personal health information, please *do not mail these records to the WECHU.*

Friendly Reminders

- Vaccines help keep your family and our community healthy.
- Talk to your health care provider to find out what vaccines are recommended for your family (e.g. annual flu vaccine).
- Each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider or at a walk-in clinic, ask for a record of the vaccine(s) received.
- Report immunization information to the WECHU.

More Information

- Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule: www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-routine-immunization-schedule
- Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA): <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/14c11>
- Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA): <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90i01>