

The [Immunization of School Pupils Act \(ISPA\)](#) requires all Public Health Units in Ontario to have a complete record of immunizations or an exemption for the following diseases:

- **Diphtheria**
- **Tetanus**
- **Polio**
- **Pertussis** (whooping cough)
- **Measles, mumps and rubella**
- **Meningococcal disease**
- **Varicella** (chicken pox) (for students born on or after 2010)

Parents who would like to have their child/children receive these **free** vaccinations from their family physician or by attending a Public Health Immunization clinic.

Immunization Exemption

To protect the health and safety of all children in our community, all public health units in Ontario are required by law to: Collect, review and update immunization records of children registered in schools in our region under the [Immunization of Schools Pupils Act, 1990](#).

Collect, review and update immunization records of children in licensed child care centres under the [Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014](#).

Parents or guardians seeking an immunization exemption for a child attending a child care centre or school will need to provide one of the following:

- *A letter stating that the immunization conflicts with religious or conscientious beliefs*
- *A written statement from a physician or a nurse practitioner giving medical reason(s) why the child should not be immunized*

If a parent continues to seek an exemption due to religious or conscientious reasons once a child enters school, a statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit, signed by a [Commissioner for Taking Affidavits](#), will be required.

Please refer to website: for more information about immunizations:

Ontario Routine Immunization Schedule:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/immunization/static/immunization_tool.html

York Region Public Health:

<http://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/health/yr/immunizations>

In Ontario, children are also eligible to receive **free** vaccines for Hepatitis B, Meningitis (ACYW-135) and HPV at school at age 12.

Other vaccines which may be available with a prescription from your health care provider include: Hepatitis A & B, Meningitis (Group B strain) and Meningitis ACYW-135 (ages 2+).