

STAYING ON TIME WITH IMMUNIZATIONS

Ensuring you and your child are up to date with your immunizations is a safe and effective way to help protect your child, yourself, your family and the community from many serious vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs). Inadequate protection following immunization may occur if you are not up to date or when a vaccine has been given too early.

Ontario's publicly funded Routine Immunization Schedule (below) lists vaccines available for **free** to those who live, work, or go to school in Ontario and details the recommended timing to receive immunizations.

As a reminder, parents/guardians need to report their child's immunization information for VPDs designated under the [Immunization of Schools Pupil Act](#) (ISPA) to York Region Public Health (YRPH). (See ISPA vaccines referenced '1' and '2' in table below). The ISPA helps prevent outbreaks in schools and keeps school children and staff healthy through protection against VPDs. Providing your child's immunization information (or a valid exemption) for ISPA designated diseases to YRPH assists this goal, and helps inform YRPH action if exposure to a VPD occurs in a school. For example, if there is a measles exposure at school and YRPH has not received proof of measles protection (immunization or immunity), your child could be excluded from school up until 21 days after their last contact with the infectious measles case to reduce infection risk.

If you or your child missed a recommended vaccine, you may still get caught up! Individuals who missed dose(s), may be at high risk, are travelling, and/or are pregnant should consult with their health care provider in case a different schedule and/or additional vaccine doses are needed. To update your child's immunization information for ISPA designated VPDs with YRPH, visit eimmunization.york.ca or call **1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456**. Together we can keep our classrooms and community protected against VPDs.

Vaccine	Ontario's Publicly Funded Routine Immunization Schedule									
	Age									
	2 Months	4 Months	6 Months	12 Months	15 Months	18 Months	4-6 Years	Grade 7	14-16 Years	Adults
Diphtheria ¹										✓ ⁷
Tetanus ¹							✓		✓	✓ ⁷
Pertussis (Whooping Cough) ¹	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
Polio ¹										
Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)										
Pneumococcal										
• Conjugate 13	✓	✓		✓						
• Polysaccharide 23										✓ ⁸
Rotavirus (oral vaccine)	✓	✓	✓ ⁶							
Measles ¹				✓			✓			
Mumps ¹				✓			✓			
Rubella ¹										
Varicella (Chickenpox) ²					✓					
Meningococcal Disease: ⁴										
• Type C				✓						
• Type A, C, Y, W135 ³								✓		
Hepatitis B ⁴								✓✓		
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) ⁵								✓✓(✓)		
Herpes Zoster (Shingles)										✓ ⁹

Influenza (flu)¹⁰ – Every year in the fall; for those six months of age and older.

✓ Indicates 1 dose and recommended timing of dose.

1 Mandatory per *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)*. Students are required to have these immunizations (or a signed valid exemption) to attend school in Ontario.

2 Mandatory per ISPA for those born January 1, 2010 or after.

3 Meningococcal Disease Type A, C, Y, W135 available free for students in grades 7 – 12.

4 Hepatitis B series is 2 doses at least 6 months apart and is free for students in grades 7 and 8.

5 HPV vaccine is a 2 dose series (6 months apart) if started < 14 years of age, otherwise 3 doses are required. Free for students in grades 7 – 12.

6 Third dose was added September 2018 due to vaccine product change.

7 One dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine should be received in adulthood. Once a dose of Tdap is given in adulthood, adults should receive tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccine boosters every 10 years.

8 Adults 65 years and older.

9 Adults 65 – 70 years.

10 Influenza (flu) – Children 6 months to 8 years of age who have not previously received a dose of influenza vaccine require 2 doses given ≥4 weeks apart. Children who have previously received ≥1 dose of influenza vaccine should receive 1 dose per season thereafter.

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