

Exemption Forms for Children Attending a Licensed Child Care Centre or School

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Children Attending a Licensed Child Care

There are two types of exemptions available:

- Medical - A [Statement of Medical Exemption Form](#) may be requested when a child is not able to receive an immunization due to medical reasons, or
- Non-medical - A [Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form](#) may be requested when a family chooses not to immunize a child due to religious beliefs or conscience objections. This form must be signed by a Commissioner of Taking Affidavits.

Students Attending School

There are two types of immunization exemptions available:

- Medical – A [Statement of Medical Exemption Form](#) may be requested when a child is not able to receive an immunization due to medical reasons, or
- Non-medical - [A Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief Form](#) may be requested when a parent/guardian chooses not to immunize a child due to religious beliefs or conscience objects. A Commissioner of Taking Affidavits must sign this form.

As of September 1, 2017, Ontario parents and guardians who choose not to immunize their child for non-medical reasons are **required to attend** an immunization education session and complete a non-medical form. York Region Public Health offers immunization education sessions for residents through a virtual, web-based video conferencing session (the sessions are no longer held in person).

For more information on immunization exemptions, contact York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73452. A representative from York Region Public Health may contact you by phone or email regarding education session registration. If you complete an ISPA vaccine education session, you will receive the education certificate via encrypted email 3 - 5 business days after session completion from imms1@york.ca.

If you have questions or do not consent to receive the certificate via email, please contact vaccineinformationline@york.ca or call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73452.

[FAQs: Process for filing a Non-medical Exemption under the Immunization of School Pupils Act](#)