

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Immunization is one of the safest ways to protect you, your family and your community from many serious and potentially deadly preventable diseases. Protect your children by getting them immunized on time.

Why?

Immunizations help fight serious diseases by activating the body's natural defences and preventing the spread of these diseases.

Some children can't be immunized due to medical reasons, or are too young to receive immunizations (newborns). Together, communities can protect these children by ensuring as many people as possible are immunized, helping to keep everyone safe and healthy.

When and How?

Following Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule (on back) is one of the best ways to prevent these diseases and help protect the health of your children and community. Vaccines are **free** to eligible individuals who live, work, play or go to school in Ontario.

The Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)

All children attending elementary and secondary school in Ontario are required to be immunized against certain preventable diseases unless a valid exemption is provided to public health. These designated diseases include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal disease, and varicella (chicken pox).

Important!

York Region Public Health reviews the immunization records of all students to make sure children are immunized against the designated diseases under ISPA and that their records are up to date. Health care providers or schools do **not** provide this information to us.

Don't forget to inform York Region Public Health when your child has been immunized against these designated diseases.

Remember to keep all immunization records in a safe place as vaccine information may be needed later in life, such as in post-secondary education and/or as a job requirement.

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PUBLICLY FUNDED ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE IN ONTARIO

Vaccine	Age of Child								
	2 months	4 months	6 months	12+ months	15 months	18 months	4-6 years	Grade 7	14-16 years
Each colour represents vaccinations given in one needle									
Diphtheria*	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Tetanus*	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)*	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Polio*	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib)	✓	✓	✓			✓			
Pneumococcal (Prevnar)	✓	✓		✓					
Rotavirus	✓	✓							
Measles*				✓			✓		
Mumps*				✓			✓		
Rubella*				✓			✓		
Varicella (Chickenpox)*					✓		✓		
Meningococcal Disease*:									
• Type C				✓					
• Type A, C, Y, W-135								✓	
Hepatitis B								✓	
Human papillomavirus (HPV)								✓	
Influenza (flu) – Everyone six months of age and older should get the flu shot every year									
✓ Recommended time of immunization * Mandatory per Immunization of School Pupils Act. Students are required to have these immunizations or a signed exemption to attend school in Ontario.									

Learn More

To learn more about immunization, vaccines and requirements for students visit york.ca/immunization

Update York Region Public Health on your child's immunization status in one of the following ways:

- Online at <https://www.york.ca/health/immunizations/update-immunization-information>
- Fax documents to **905-895-6066** or **1-866-258-2026**
- Call York Region Public Health at **1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456**
- Mail immunization information to Immunization Services, 17150 Yonge Street, 4th Floor



York Region Public Health Immunization Clinics

York Region Public Health offers immunization clinics throughout the year in the communities of Georgina, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Vaughan. **For a full list of immunization clinic dates, locations and to book an appointment online at a community immunization clinic, visit york.ca/immunization**