

REGION OF WATERLOO PUBLIC HEALTH
Parent Information Letter
for children attending a child care centre in Waterloo Region

Dear Parent/Guardian:

When your child attends a child care centre there are immunization, health and medical requirements under the Child Care and Early Years Act and the Health Promotion and Protection Act that must be followed. This information letter will outline your responsibilities in terms of providing the required information to your child care operator or provider.

Immunization Requirements:

Your child must be immunized against the following diseases:

- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Polio
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella
- Pneumococcal disease
- Haemophilus Influenza type B (only for children under five years of age)
- Meningococcal disease
- Varicella (Chickenpox)

New Registrants

When you register your child with the child care centre you will be asked to submit a form (Form A) and two copies of your child's immunization record. A copy of this information will be kept on file at the child care centre, and the other will be sent to Region of Waterloo Public Health. Public Health maintains the immunization records of all children enrolled in child care centres and schools in a provincial database called Panorama.

- If your child was not born in Canada, a photocopy of their medical immunization history since birth from their country of origin can be provided

If you wish your child to be exempt from immunization, please speak to the child care provider. They will provide you with the required form for you to complete. The form must be on file at the child care centre and with Public Health.

Existing Registrants (Immunization Update Form)

Each time your child receives an immunization, please inform the child care provider. At that time, you will be asked to complete an Immunization Update Form (Form B). This is done to protect all children in child care, and provides your child care provider and Public Health with current immunization information in case of an outbreak of a disease at the centre. If there are no changes to your child's immunization status, an update is not required.

The chart on Attachment 1 shows the publicly funded routine immunization schedule for children (up to four to six years) in Ontario. This schedule may change if your child misses any of these immunizations. Please review the chart to make sure your child is up-to-date according to the schedule. If you require assistance with reading the chart or your immunization record please speak with your health care provider (e.g., family doctor) or contact Region of Waterloo Public Health at 519-575-4400.

Obtaining Additional Information

There are many people who can assist you if you require more information.

For general questions about children's development and/or health issues, please contact Public Health's Child and Family Health Division at 519-575-4400.
For questions regarding immunization please contact Public Health's Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program at 519-575-4400.

Thank you for your cooperation in these important precautions which will protect the health of children in Waterloo Region's child care centers.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachment 1
Ontario Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Starting Immunization in Infancy

Vaccine	2 months	4 months	6 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	4 to 6 years**
DTaP-IPV-Hib* Diphtheria*, Tetanus*, Pertussis*, Polio*, Haemophilus influenzae B*	X	X	X			X	
Pneu-C-13* Pneumococcal Conjugate 13*	X	X		X			
Rot-1 Rotavirus	X	X					
Men-C-C* ^ Meningococcal Conjugate C*				X			
MMR* ^ Measles*, Mumps*, Rubella*				X			
Var* Varicella (Chicken pox)* (required if no history of having chickenpox disease)					X		
MMRV Measles*, Mumps*, Rubella*, Varicella							X
Tdap-IPV* Tetanus*, Diphtheria*, Pertussis*, Polio*							X

* Indicates required vaccine for entry into a child care centre

^ MMR and Men-C-C vaccine must be given on or after the first birthday

** Preferably given at four years of age

Adapted from Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (2016)

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/docs/immunization_schedule.pdf