

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

Public Health wants to help you and your child have a successful, healthy start to their education.

In Ontario, all school students are required to be vaccinated for nine childhood illnesses (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, and Meningococcal disease).



## Before your child starts school:



- ✓ Ask your doctor or health clinic to provide you with a copy of your child's vaccine records.
- ✓ Review the required vaccinations on the back and have your health care provider update your child's vaccines as needed.
- ✓ Obtain all copies of records and submit to Region of Waterloo Public Health and Paramedic Services.

**All new school registrants must submit their vaccine records or a valid exemption to Region of Waterloo Public Health.**

Submit your child's vaccine records online

[regionofwaterloo.ca/vaccines](https://regionofwaterloo.ca/vaccines)



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**If we do not receive your child's vaccine records or a valid exemption, you will be further notified through our suspension process and your child can be suspended for up to 20 days. Our goal is to help avoid suspension from school.**

## Frequently asked questions

**My child's vaccines are up-to-date. They are entering kindergarten in September.**

**Do I need to get the four to six year vaccine prior to entering Kindergarten?**

The four to six year (school entry) vaccines can be given anytime between four and six years of age (i.e., at the time of school entry). However, in general it is recommended that children receive vaccines as soon as possible once eligible. You can have this done with your Health Care Provider.



**Why doesn't my child's doctor or school submit my child's record to Public Health?**

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) are responsible for updating Public Health every time their child receives a vaccine. Your child's Health Care Provider and school are not mandated to report your child's vaccines. In some cases, your Health Care Provider may tell you that your child's vaccines are up-to date. However, the information may not have been reported to Public Health. We recommend that you obtain a copy of the record and submit it to the Region of Waterloo Public Health and Paramedic Services.

**What if I have more questions regarding exemptions, schedules, etc?** Go online to [regionofwaterloo.ca/vaccines](http://regionofwaterloo.ca/vaccines).

## What does my child need to attend school?

Immunization	Common brand names	Doses required per age group*	
		Junior/Senior Kindergarten (before seventh birthday)	Grades 1 to 6 (or after seventh birthday)
<b>Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis</b> (DTaP/DTP/Tdap-IPV)	Pediacel Adacel-Polio Quadracel	4 or more doses	5 doses (1 dose after the fourth birthday)
<b>Polio</b> (IPV or OPV)	Imovax Adacel-Polio Pediacel Quadracel	More than 3 doses	3 to 4 doses (1 dose after the fourth birthday)
<b>Measles, Mumps, Rubella</b> (MMR or MMR-V)	MMR III Priorix Priorix-Tetra Proquad	1 dose (after first birthday)	2 doses (at least one month apart)
<b>Varicella</b> (if born after 2010)	Varivax Varilrix Priorix-Tetra Proquad	1 dose	2 doses
<b>Meningococcal</b> (Men-C-C or Men-C-ACYW135)	Menjugate Neisvac Menactra Menveo	1 dose (after first birthday)	1 dose (after first birthday)

\*Doses must be appropriately spaced to be considered valid.