

Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules

RECOMMENDED AGE AT VACCINATION	Diphtheria	Tetanus	Pertussis	Polio	Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)	Pneumococcal-C-13	Rotavirus	Measles	Mumps	Rubella	Varicella (Chickenpox)	Meningococcal-C-C	Meningococcal-C-ACYW	Hepatitis B	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Pneumococcal-P-23	Shingles	Annual Seasonal Influenza
2 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓											
4 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓											
6 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓											
1 year*						✓		✓	✓	✓		✓						
15 months											✓							
18 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓													
4-6 years	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓							
Grade 7												✓	✓	✓				
14-16 years**	✓	✓	✓															
Adults***	✓	✓	✓															
Every 10 years***	✓	✓																
65-70 years																	✓	
65 years+																✓		
Everyone 6 months+																		✓

Boxes filled with the same colour are given as one needle (with the exception of Rotavirus vaccine, which is administered orally).

*Vaccines required at 1 year of age should be given on or after the child's first birthday.

Vaccines for Grade 7 students are offered in the schools. Health care professionals can order Grade 7 program vaccines from our website (below).

**The 14-16 year Tdap booster is due 10 years after the 4-6 year dose.

***Once the "adult" dose of Tdap is received, adults should receive a Td booster once every 10 years.

Required Vaccinations

By law in Ontario, children need vaccines or a valid exemption affidavit for the following diseases:

Vaccine Preventable Disease	Child Care	School
Diphtheria	✓	✓
Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)	✓	
Measles	✓	✓
Meningococcal	✓	✓
Mumps	✓	✓
Pertussis (whooping cough)	✓	✓
Pneumococcal	✓	
Polio	✓	✓
Rubella (German measles)	✓	✓
Tetanus (lockjaw)	✓	✓
Varicella (chickenpox) for children born in 2010 or after	✓	✓

As directed by the Medical Officer of Health, child care educators need the following vaccines or a valid exemption affidavit:

Vaccine	Direction
Hepatitis B not publicly funded unless high-risk*	Previously completed series**, or 1 dose of hepatitis B-containing vaccine at the start of employment, and the entire vaccine series completed within 1 year, or Hepatitis B vaccine can be given alone or as part of combined hepatitis A and B vaccine (Twinrix), or Laboratory evidence of immunity
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	1 dose*** of MMR vaccine for adults born in or after 1970, or Laboratory evidence of immunity Adults born before 1970 are considered immune
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)	1 dose of Tdap as an adult (18 years of age or older) Booster of Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria) vaccine every 10 years thereafter
Varicella (chickenpox) not publicly funded if born before 2000	Previously completed series, or Self-report previous infection of chickenpox, or Laboratory evidence of immunity, or 2 doses of varicella-containing vaccine for those who do not meet any of the above criteria 1 dose given at the start of employment, and the second dose completed within 6 months

*Household members, risk factors for sexually transmitted infections (STI) (multiple sexual partners, previous STI), injection drug use, men who have sex with men, chronic liver and kidney disease.

**Individuals may have received a two dose series of Hepatitis B vaccine as part of a voluntary school-based immunization program in Ontario.

***A second dose of MMR is highly recommended if travel is planned.