

Frequently Asked Questions

What are vaccines?

Vaccines make your immune system stronger so that it can protect your body from infections before they make you sick. It is the best way to protect children from preventable diseases like measles and the chickenpox. When your child gets a vaccine, this is called immunization.

Are vaccines safe?

All the vaccines used in Canada are very safe. Vaccines are tested before they can be used in Canada to make sure they are safe. Serious side effects, like anaphylaxis, are very rare.

Are there any side effects?

Some side effects from vaccines are common but go away quickly. Side effects may include:

- Swelling or soreness where the needle was given
- Low fever

Call your doctor or the Health Department if you have any concerns about your child's health

Are vaccines required?


Yes, some vaccines are required for children to attend child care centres and school unless they have a valid exemption.

If you have any more questions, please contact the Halton Region Health Department.


Immunize and report it!

Be sure to update the Halton Region Health Department after your child gets any vaccine.

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 **Call 311**

 **Mail or drop off** to the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville, L6M 3L1

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Immunize Your Kids!



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Immunization Schedule for Children in Ontario

This schedule may change if your child misses any of these immunizations

When my child is:	DTaP-IPV-Hib	Pneumococcal	Rotavirus	Meningococcal	MMR	Varicella	MMRV	Tdap-IPV	Hepatitis B	HPV	Tdap	Influenza
2 months	•	•	•									
4 months	•	•	•									
6 months	•		***									
12 months		•		Men-C-C	•							
15 months						•						
18 months	•											
4-6 years							*	•				
Grade 7 students				Men-C-ACYW135					2 doses	2 doses		
14-16 years											**	
Every fall (starting at 6 months)												•

Check with your doctor or the Health Department to see if your older children are able to get any of the new vaccines now available for children in Ontario.

* The second dose of MMR and Varicella should be given as MMRV at 4-6 years of age.

** Due 10 years after the 4-6 year booster.

*** Now a 3 dose series.

DTaP-IPV-Hib	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Polio and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) (also known as "5-in-1")
Pneumococcal	Pneumococcal Disease (Meningitis, blood infections, Pneumonia, ear infections)
Rotavirus	Rotavirus
Men-C-C	Meningococcal C infections (Meningitis, blood infections)
Men-C-ACYW135	Meningococcal A, C, Y, and W-135 infections (Meningitis, blood infections)
MMR	Measles, Mumps and Rubella (German Measles)

Varicella	Chickenpox
MMRV	Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella (Chicken Pox)
Tdap-IPV	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and Polio
Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B
HPV	Human Papillomavirus Virus
Tdap	Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
Influenza	Influenza (Flu)