

WE NEED TO KNOW!



The Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) is required to maintain up-to-date records of immunization for every child registered in school in the district of Timiskaming per the *Immunization School Pupil Act (ISPA)*.

Parents are required to provide the health unit with proof of completed immunization for pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chickenpox)*, meningococcal disease, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, and polio or with the appropriate documentation if they choose not to have their child immunized (see over).

If your child is starting school this year, we need to know which vaccinations they have had.

Five ways to let us know:

1. **Email:** immunize@timiskaminghu.com
2. **Phone:** your local Timiskaming Health Unit and ask to speak to a school nurse - see below
3. **Fax:** 705-648-6305
4. **Mail to:** Timiskaming Health Unit P.O. Box 1090, New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0
5. **In person:** at your local health unit – see below



Use the immunize.ca app on your smart phone or mobile devices to record/manage immunizations for the entire family. This app will allow you to email us a copy of your child's records any time!

PUBLICLY FUNDED ROUTINE VACCINES FOR CHILDREN IN ONTARIO

VACCINE	Diphtheria	Tetanus	Pertussis	Polio	Hib	Pneumococcal	Rotavirus	Measles	Mumps	Rubella	Meningococcal C	Meningococcal ACYW	Chicken Pox	Hepatitis B	HPV	Flu
Infant and toddler																
2 months	•	•	•	•	•	•	•									
4 months	•	•	•	•	•	•	•									
6 months	•	•	•	•	•											
12 months						•		•	•	•	•					
15 months													•			
18 months	•	•	•	•	•											
Elementary and secondary school																
4-6 years	•	•	•	•				•	•	•				•		
12 years (gr.7)												•		•	•	
14-16 years	•	•	•													
Everyone over six months of age																
Every fall																•

Questions about immunization?

For more information, please contact the school nurse at your local Timiskaming Health Unit office or visit www.ontario.ca/vaccines or www.timiskaminghu.com.

<p>New Liskeard 43-247 Whitewood Ave. New Liskeard (705) 647-4305 Toll free 1-866-747-4305</p>	<p>Englehart 63 Fifth Street Englehart (705) 544-2221 Toll free 1-866-544-2221</p>	<p>Kirkland Lake 31 Station Rd North Kirkland Lake (705) 567-9355 Toll free 1-866-967-9355</p>
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IMMUNIZATION RECORDS: What Every Parent of School-Aged Children Needs To Know

Why immunize?

Vaccines are the best protection against many serious diseases. Vaccines trigger your child's immune system to make antibodies to fight diseases.

Not immunizing your child leaves them at risk for infection. If an outbreak or the threat of an outbreak of any vaccine-preventable disease occurs, they may be excluded from school.

What are the guidelines for immunization?

All children attending school must be immunized against the following diseases:

- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Meningococcal Varicella (chickenpox)*
- Diphtheria Tetanus Polio
- Measles Mumps Rubella

What if I don't want to immunize my child?

Children may be exempted under the following circumstances:

- An appropriate medical reason
- For reasons of conscience or religious belief

For exemptions, a Statement of Medical Exemption, or Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief Affidavit, is required. These forms are available at the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) and once completed must be submitted to the THU.

Why keep an up-to-date immunization record?

If there is an outbreak of disease within the community, an up-to-date record will provide proof of immunity. Proof of immunity is also required for some recreational programs, summer camps, and post-secondary education enrollment. These records also help keep track to ensure the proper immunization schedule is followed. Consider using the immunize.ca app to help record and manage immunizations for your family.

What is the parent/guardian role in immunization records?

It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to notify the THU each time their child receives a vaccination. Parents are also required to provide their child's immunization record when registering them for school.

What is the Timiskaming Health Unit's role in immunization records?

The THU is responsible for keeping immunization records for students 4 to 18 years of age attending school in the district. If vaccinations are due, the THU will send a notice home.

What if this notice says my child's record is incomplete but they have had the vaccine?

Immunization updates are NOT automatically provided to the THU by your doctor. If your child has already received the vaccine, contact the **THU School Nurse** to verify your child's immunization record.

What does it mean when the notice says that my child may be suspended from school?

The THU makes every attempt to give parents/guardians time to respond to the notices. However, your child may be suspended from school until you have provided the information requested (immunization record or signed form for exemption).

What if this notice says that my child is missing some vaccinations?

The THU offers immunization through school-based immunization clinics or by appointment at all THU offices. If your health care provider provides the vaccine, you must update the THU so that records can be maintained for your child.

For more information:

www.timiskaminghu.com.

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