

# 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).

**IF YOUR CHILD IS STARTING KINDERGARTEN THIS YEAR**, we need to know which vaccinations your child has had already. *It is recommended they have their 4-6 year booster prior to starting school or on or after their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.* We will need to know **EVERYTIME** he or she has another “shot” or immunization from kindergarten right through to secondary school graduation.

## Five easy ways to let us know:

1. **EMAIL:** immunize@timiskaminghu.com
2. **ONLINE:** www.timiskaminghu.com - search ‘Yellow Card’
3. **FAX:** 705-647-5779
4. **MAIL:** Timiskaming Health Unit, P.O. Box 1090, New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0
5. **IN PERSON:** at your local Timiskaming Health Unit



### 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
<b>Infant and toddler</b>																
2 months	•	•	•	•	•	•	•									
4 months	•	•	•	•	•	•	•									
6 months	•	•	•	•	•		•									
12 months						•		•	•	•	•					
15 months													•			
18 months	•	•	•	•	•											
<b>Elementary and secondary school</b>																
4-6 years	•	•	•	•				•	•	•			•			
12 years (gr.7)												•		•	•	
14-16 years	•	•	•													
<b>Everyone over six months of age</b>																
Every fall																•

## Questions about immunization?

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New Liskeard 705-647-4305

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Englehart 705-544-2221

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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?

Your child can be exempted from immunization for medical reasons or due to conscience or religious belief. For **medical reasons** you must submit a completed and signed Statement of Medical Exemption form to the Timiskaming Health Unit.

For **conscience or religious belief** you are now required to complete an education session at the Timiskaming Health Unit and submit a completed Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form.

## 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 [CANImmunize.ca](http://CANImmunize.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 completed exemption requirements).

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

The THU offers immunization through school-based immunization clinics for grade 7 and highschool students only 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:

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