

# FAQs

## What is Immunization?

Immunization may also be called vaccination, baby shots or needles. It is the best protection against many serious diseases.

Immunization is provided free for children in Ontario.

## How does it work?

Vaccines trigger your child's own immune system to make antibodies to fight disease. For immunization to work best, children must have all their immunizations on time.

## Is it Safe?

Immunization is very safe. If you have any questions, call your doctor, local Health Department or go to:

[caringforkids.cps.ca](http://caringforkids.cps.ca)

or

[immunize.cpha.ca](http://immunize.cpha.ca)

## What should I do to protect my child?

- Call your doctor to set up a time for your child's immunization.
- Keep a written record of all your child's immunizations on the "yellow card".

## Are there any side effects?

- Minor side effects from vaccines are common but go away quickly.
- Swelling or tenderness in the area where the needle went into the leg or arm
- Mild fevers

Call your doctor or Health Department if you have any concerns about your child's side effects.

## Immunize and report it!

Be sure to update the Halton Region Health Department after every immunization your child receives.



Online at [halton.ca/immunize](http://halton.ca/immunize)



Dial 311



In person

Halton Regional Centre  
1151 Bronte Road in Oakville

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# Immunize Your Kids!



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# Recommended Routine Immunizations for Kids in Ontario

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

When my child is:	Pediacel <sup>®</sup>	Prevnar <sup>®</sup> 13	Rotavirus	Meningitis	MMR	Varicella	MMRV	Tdap-IPV	Hepatitis B	HPV	Tdap	Influenza
2 months	•	•	•									
4 months	•	•	•									
6 months	•											
12 months		•		MenC	*							
15 months						*						
18 months	•											
4-6 years							**	•				
Grade 7 students				Menactra <sup>®</sup>					2 doses			
Grade 8 females										2 or 3 doses		
14-16 years											†	
Every autumn (starting at 6 months)												•

Check with your doctor or Health Department to see if your older children may be eligible for 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.

\*\* 1 dose for children 4 years of age who have not received a second dose of varicella or MMR vaccines.

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

**Pediacel<sup>®</sup>** Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Polio and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) (also known as “5-in-1”)

**Prevnar<sup>®</sup> 13** Pneumococcal Disease (Meningitis, blood infections, Pneumonia, ear infections)

**Rotavirus** Rotavirus

**MenC** Meningococcal C infections (Meningitis, blood infections)

**Menactra<sup>®</sup>** 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)