

# Immunization Information for School Children

Peel Public Health must — by law — keep and update an immunization record for your school-aged child throughout your child's school years<sup>1</sup>.

## When enrolling your child in school

- Attach a copy of your child's immunization record to the school registration form. The school will send the record to Peel Public Health.
- Check that this copy includes **all** of the immunization doses your child has received since birth.
- See your family doctor or call Peel Public Health if your child has not been immunized or you cannot prove your child has been immunized.

## Immunize on time

- Between four to six years of age your child needs a booster dose for diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio<sup>2</sup>.
- Between fourteen to sixteen years of age your child needs a booster dose for diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus<sup>2</sup>.
- Immunizations must be given at the right times to work. For example, the first dose of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) must be given **after** a child's first birthday and the second dose at least 28 days after the first dose<sup>2</sup>.

1. Immunization of School Pupils Act, September 1990. Queens Printer for Ontario.

2. Canadian Immunization Guide. 7th Edition. 2006. Published by the Public Health Agency of Canada. : 93/95&196/200.

- Peel Public Health regularly reviews student immunization records to make sure that students have their immunization records up-to-date to attend school.
- Students whose immunization records are not up to date (and do not have a valid exemption) might not be allowed to attend school.
- A child who has been immunized outside of Ontario or Canada might need additional immunizations to meet Ontario's provincial immunization laws.
- Required immunizations to attend school in Ontario are **free** through your family doctor.
- Peel Public Health will translate a child's immunization record from another country **for free**.
- A school-aged child who does not have an Ontario Health Card but needs an immunization record to attend school can get immunized for **free** at three Peel Public Health locations.
- Peel Public Health has in-school immunization clinics for Hepatitis B and Meningococcal C (for students in Grade 7) and Human Papillomavirus (for students in Grade 8).

## **Keep Your Child's Immunization Record Up to Date**

- Neither your doctor nor your child's school will report your child's immunization information to Peel Public Health.
- Once your child is registered for school, **you must update your child's immunization record with Peel Public Health** each time your child is vaccinated.
- **Call** Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700; Caledon residents can call toll-free at 905-584-2216.  
**Translation services are available.**
- **Fax** a record to 905-789-0597 or 905-458-9217.
- **Visit** [www.immunizepeel.ca](http://www.immunizepeel.ca) to report your child's immunization record online.
- **Mail or hand-deliver a copy of the record to:**  
44 Peel Centre Dr., Suite 102  
Brampton, ON L6T 4B5  
(Do not send the original record)