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## Mandatory Immunization Requirements

In Ontario, the Immunization of School Pupils Act requires children to be immunized as follows to attend school:

Age your child should be Immunized	Vaccine your child will be given
2, 4, 6, 18 months	DTaP-IPV + Hib
After 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	MMR
4 - 6 years	DTaP-IPV + MMR
14 - 16 years	Tdap (may also need polio)
DTaP-IPV = diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio	
Hib = haemophilus influenza type B	
MMR= measles, mumps and rubella	
Tdap= diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis	

## Steps for parents/guardians to follow:

- Check your child's immunization record. If your child's immunization record is incomplete or lost, talk to your doctor's office to get this information.
- If required, have your child immunized. Please arrange an appointment with your doctor. If you do not have a family doctor or Ontario Health Card Number, call Public Health Services to book an appointment at our Immunization Clinic. This service is free, and you do not need an Ontario Health Card Number.
- **O** not return immunization information to your child's school. Please provide all the information needed to complete your child's immunization record (dates and type of needle given) to Public Health Services. If the information is not provided to Public Health Services your child could be prevented from attending school.
- **O** Remember to contact Public Health Services every time your child is immunized.

**Call Public Health Services if your child is not able to be immunized:** The Immunization of School Pupils Act requires a completed exemption form be submitted to Public Health Services if your child is unable to receive vaccines that are mandatory for attending school. If you require an exemption form for medical, conscience or religious reasons, please call 905 540-5250.

How to Contact Public Health Services: Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Phone: (905) 540-5250 Fax: (905) 546 4841	<ul> <li>Please have the following information ready before calling/faxing Public Health Services:</li> <li>child's name, date of birth and sex</li> <li>name and phone number of family doctor</li> <li>parent/guardian name and daytime phone number</li> <li>school that your child attends</li> <li>date(s) vaccine(s) given</li> </ul>
l Fax: (905) 546-4841	<ul> <li>date(s) vaccine(s) given</li> <li>name(s) of vaccine(s) given</li> </ul>