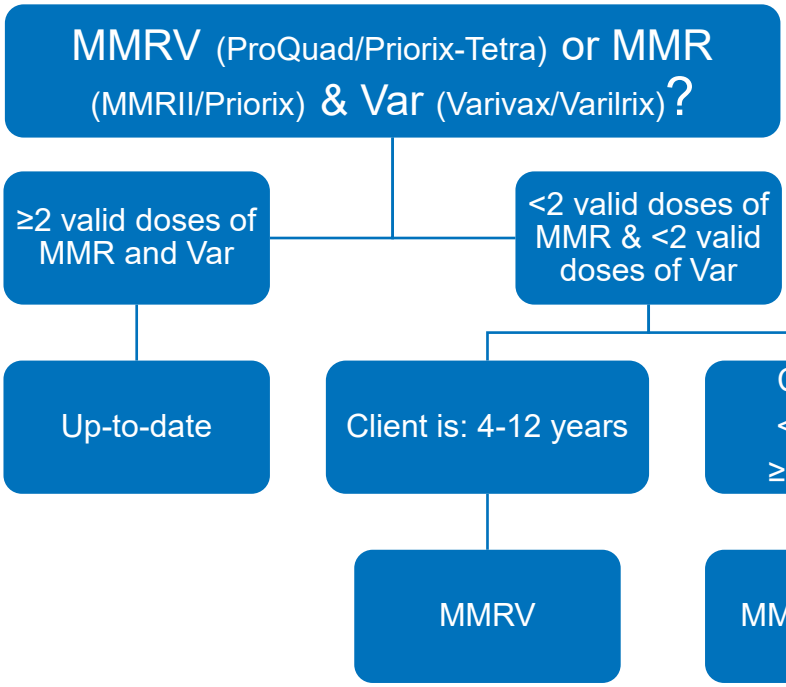
Lakelands Public Health

Live Vaccines



All live vaccines are administered subcutaneously

A dose of MMR is valid for school if:

1) **Given after the 1st birthday**
   - NOTE: babies may get MMR starting at 6 months of age if high risk, but this does not count towards ISPA
2) **Given at least 4 weeks after MMR or Var**
3) **Given at least 6 weeks after MMRV**

A dose of Varicella is valid for school if:

1) **Given after the 1st birthday**
2) **Given at least 4 weeks after MMR**
3) **Given at least 6 weeks after MMRV or Var**

See Table 16: MMR, MMRV, and Var immunization series in Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario between live

A dose of MMRV is valid for school if:

1) **Given at 4-12 years of age**
2) **Given at least 6 weeks after MMR, Var, or MMRV**

- NOTE: if MMRV is inadvertently given before 4 years of age (and after 12 months of age), it will be considered valid for ISPA.

A medical exemption must be completed by a physician or NP if the child has a history of varicella infection, and the parent does not want the child to receive a Var vaccine. These exemption forms must be submitted to the health unit for the exemption to be applied.

MMR requirements:
Measles: 2 doses
Mumps: 2 doses
Rubella: 1 dose

Routine schedule:
12 months: MMR
15 months: Var
4-6 years: MMRV

Varicella requirements:
Born before 2010: not required but 2 doses are recommended
Born in 2010 or after: 2 doses are required

History of varicella:
<1 year of age: immunization needed
>1 year of age: eligible for medical exemption (but vaccination not harmful)

****MMRV can only be given to children 4-12 years of age****