

What does the health unit need to do?

- Assess each child, immunization record and inform the childcare operators and families when immunization records are incomplete.
- Assist the childcare operator in obtaining information from parents if required.

Immunization policy for children, employees and volunteers

According to the *Child Care and Early Years Act*, the operator of the childcare centre must ensure that, before admission or the start of employment or service, proof of the following immunizations have been provided to the operator.

Children

Vaccine Required	Schedule
Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Pediace/Pentacel)	Primary vaccine series of three doses (usually given at 2, 4 and 6 months), plus booster dose at 18 months.
Pneumococcal Conjugate	Primary series of three doses usually given at 2, 4 and 12 months.
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	One dose on or after the first birthday.
Meningococcal conjugate-C	One dose on or after the first birthday.
Varicella (chickenpox)	Two doses required. One dose after the first birthday (recommended at 15 months). Second dose at least three months after first, provided with MMRV at 4-6 year booster OR bloodwork showing immunity.
Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (MMRV)	One dose given at 4-6 years of age.
Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio (Adacel-Polio)	One dose given at 4-6 years of age.

Staff and Volunteers

Vaccine Required	Documentation
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	Fulfil one of the following criteria: • two doses of MMR vaccine, OR • proof of immunity (blood test), OR • born in 1969 or earlier (assumed to have immunity)
Varicella (chickenpox)	Fulfil one of the following criteria: • two doses of varicella vaccine, OR • proof of immunity to varicella (blood test), OR • 50 years of age and older (assumed to have immunity), OR • self-reported chickenpox before a routine one-dose varicella immunization program was introduced where you lived (before 2004 in Ontario)
Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap)	One dose of Tdap in adulthood, then one Td booster vaccination every 10 years.