

Summary of Immunization Requirements: Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health

		Ministry of Education (Program Advisor)	Toronto Public Health
For Children	Immunization Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Checks to see if the record is on file (can be on an immunization card or other forms or printout) or - Checks if an objection form is on file (must be on a Ministry form: Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief or Statement of Medical Exemption) <p>NOTE: Does not check what is on the record (neither date nor type of immunization)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TPH nurses in the immunization program assess records of children to determine if they are up to date. <p>** All children attending child care require proof of immunization, according to Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule, or a valid exemption on file (p. 30 of <i>Guidance Document: Infection Prevention and Control in Child Care Centres, 2017</i>)</p> <p><i>Helpful resources for Operators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Health Form: Child Care Centres can use this form to explain immunization requirements to parents. - Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule tear-off pad (to order, call 416-392-1250)
For staff:	Health Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only checks if required by local Public Health, Medical Office of Health (MOH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immunization and Tuberculin Screening is required for all staff (see Immunization and TB Screening Form for Employees)
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	What immunizations are required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ministry will not assess whether or not immunization records are up to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immunization recommendations made by the local Medical Officer of Health are requirements under the CCEYA (Section 57 (1), O. Reg 137/15) - The Guidance Document outlines required immunization for staff (p. 31)

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	Is the Influenza - Flu Shot required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ministry will not assess records for specific immunizations. - Consult with Toronto Public Health (local Medical Officer of Health) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No, the influenza vaccine is not required, however it is still strongly suggested annually - The ideal time to get immunized against the flu is in October or early November to be protected before the flu starts spreading usually from November to April.
For students and volunteers	Immunizations	No requirements	Students and volunteers are recommended to receive the same immunizations as staff (Guidance Document – pg 31). However, immunization records currently not assessed by TPH for staff, students or volunteers.

Questions and Answers:

Question: Would there ever be an administrative penalty for Immunization infractions?

Answer: For information about administrative penalties and provisions to which penalties may be applied, please see section 78 Table 1 Ontario Regulation 137/15 under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*.

Question: Where an immunization record for a child enrolled at a centre or an employee working at a centre is not available for review at the time of inspection, would the licensee be required to send the child and/or employee home until a record is obtained?

Answer: The Ministry would not require a child or employee to be sent home. Where a record of immunization is not available at the time of inspection, this would be cited as a finding of non-compliance and the licensee would be required to come into compliance and subsequently confirm compliance to the Ministry within a stated time frame.

Question: What happens if Toronto Public Health finds an immunization record not in compliance?

Answer: TPH nurses in the immunization program will assess the immunization records of children and if outstanding for immunization, they will provide a letter to the CCC operator to forward to the parents for follow-up with their healthcare provider.

Toronto Public Health: [Guidance Document: Infection Prevention and Control in Child Care Centres](#)

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Vaccine	Recommendations for staff, students, & volunteers
Hepatitis B	children with hepatitis B may not show symptoms and hepatitis B status may not be known; all staff should be vaccinated
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 documented doses of MMR vaccine or proof of immunity
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, (Tdap)	1 dose of Tdap in adulthood (This can replace the next scheduled dose of Td) Tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccine booster every 10 years
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses of chickenpox vaccine given at least 6 weeks apart or proof of immunity. Previous immunity can be determined by a self-reported history of chickenpox or a blood test

Vaccine	Strongly Suggested for staff, students, & volunteers
Influenza	annually, especially for those who care for children under 5 years of age