

Information from the Middlesex-London Health Unit's Vaccine Preventable Disease Team

To Parents of Newly Registered Children,

Welcome to licensed child care! The Middlesex-London Health Unit partners with this centre to help protect your child's health. Centres in Ontario follow the *Child Care and Early Years Act* and part of this law says that children who attend child care must be immunized against specific diseases. **Children attending centres must have an up-to-date immunization record on file with the Health Unit AND with the centre.**

This letter will help you make sure your child has received all of the mandatory immunizations and explains how to submit your child's immunization record to the Health Unit AND the child care centre.

Children require the following vaccines to attend licensed child care:

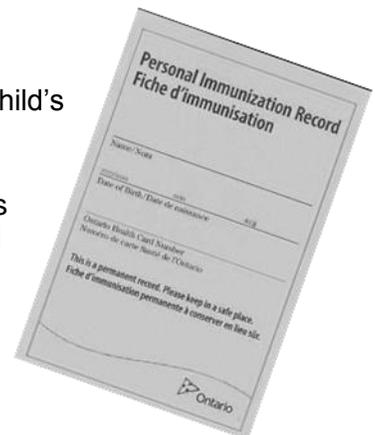
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio, Hib – given at 2, 4, 6 and 18 months old
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella – given at 12 months old
- Meningococcal-C Conjugate – given at 12 months old
- Pneumococcal Conjugate 13 ("Pevnar") – given at 2, 4 and 12 months old
- Varicella (chickenpox) – given at 15 months old

How to Submit your Child's Record to the Health Unit

Parents can submit immunizations to the Middlesex-London Health Unit securely **online** using **ICON (Immunization Connect Ontario)**.

Benefits of Using ICON:

- Provides a central place for parents to update and print their child's immunization record
- Records won't be lost if your doctor moves or retires
- It is the same system that you will need to use when your child is in elementary and secondary school. You can update the record as your child receives more doses in the future
- If you move, your child's record will move to their new school and health unit district anywhere in Ontario



Instructions for Using ICON:**1. Visit www.healthunit.com/immunization**

- **You will need** your child's valid Ontario Health Card Number (OHCN) and the postal code registered to the card
- Follow the instructions on the screen to view and enter the vaccine dates
- Always upload a picture of the record
- If you have difficulty, you may need to call the Health Unit to obtain your child's "Immunization ID number"
- Keep track of your PIN to log-in and access records anytime from your computer/mobile device and to add vaccines or download your child's yellow immunization card
- You can now print the record or save it on your computer at home
- If your child does not have an Ontario Health Card, please call to make other arrangements



Don't forget to give a copy of your child's immunization record to the child care centre!

If you have other children, you can enter immunization information for them as well. If your other children are in school, they will already exist in ICON. You can make sure their record is complete and correct.

Children may be exempt from mandatory immunizations for medical or for conscience or religious belief reasons. Visit <https://www.healthunit.com/immunization-babies-and-preschool-children> for more information.

Please call the Health Unit if you have questions, if you need help using ICON, or require an alternate method of submitting records to the Health Unit.

Thank you,

Vaccine Preventable Disease Team
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