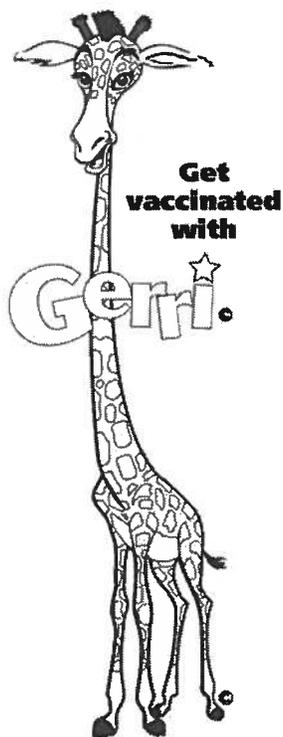


## IMMUNIZATION: KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE FROM DISEASE

Immunization is a safe, simple, effective way of protecting your child against serious infections. It is required that all children be immunized against these six diseases: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps and rubella. Hepatitis B vaccine is currently offered to all Grade 7 students (2 doses, four to six months apart) and to other children who are considered by their doctors to be at risk. Meningococcal conjugate vaccines are also offered to Grade 7 students (Meningococcal ACWY conjugate vaccine) and to other youth under 21 years old (Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine). Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine is offered to all Grade 8 girls. Influenza vaccination is either available through your doctor or Ottawa Public Health clinics every fall. Check the City of Ottawa website for clinic dates and locations.

Children attending schools in Ontario are required to be immunized against certain diseases or to have a valid exemption under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*. Ottawa Public Health collects and maintains this information for all children attending school in Ottawa.

Immunization offers the best protection when given according to the *Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario*.



<b>Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario</b>														
Age	Diphtheria	Tetanus	Pertussis	Polio	Haemophilus influenza type B	Pneumococcal conjugate	Measles	Mumps	Rubella	Meningococcal C conjugate	Varicella	Hepatitis B	HPV	Influenza
2 mo.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
4 mo.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
6 mo.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
12 mo. <sup>1</sup>							✓	✓	✓	✓				
15 mo.						✓					✓			
18 mo.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		OR			
4-6 yr.	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓			
12 yr. <sup>2,3</sup> Grade 7										✓		✓		
13 yr. <sup>4</sup> Grade 8													✓	
14 - 16 yr.	✓	✓	✓											
Every 10 yrs.	✓	✓												
Every <sup>5</sup> Autumn														✓

<sup>1</sup> MMR must be given after the first birthday  
<sup>2</sup> Menactra™ (meningococcal ACWY Conjugate) vaccine is administered in schools to Grade 7 students  
<sup>3</sup> Hepatitis B immunization (two-dose schedule) is administered in schools to Grade 7 students  
<sup>4</sup> Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine is administered in schools to Grade 8 girls  
<sup>5</sup> Influenza vaccine is recommended for individuals 6 months of age and older

**Your doctor does not send immunization updates to Public Health.**

**Please note: It is the parent's responsibility to provide immunization updates to  
Ottawa Public Health – Immunization Program**

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