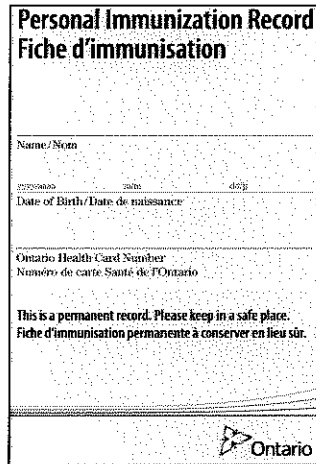


## The Health Unit Wants to Hear From You!

**Has your child recently received a vaccination? If so, call us to update our records.**

Unfortunately, the Health Unit does not receive automatic updates from family doctors or clinics; therefore, our records are only as up-to-date as the information that parents/guardians provide to us.



**Have you recently moved, changed phone numbers or has your child transferred schools?**

If so, please let us know and we will update your child's information.

Most common immunizations children are required to receive in order to attend school, which may not be reported to the Health Unit are: 4 to 6 year booster, 2<sup>nd</sup> MMR, 14 to 16 year booster.

## What's New

As of July 1, 2014, children need to have proof of immunization against meningococcal disease, pertussis (whooping cough) and varicella (chickenpox) in order to attend school. This is in addition to existing requirements. The number of doses required for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and mumps has also been updated.

## Some things to consider...

- In grade 7, the Health Unit provides publicly funded hepatitis B and meningococcal vaccines in our school clinics within the Health Unit area. If you consent to your child receiving these vaccines, the Health Unit will update your child's immunization record, accordingly.
- In grade 8, the Health Unit provides publicly funded Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to all girls in our school clinics within the Health Unit area. If you consent to your daughter receiving this vaccine, the Health Unit will update her immunization record, accordingly.
- Some post secondary school programs, employment opportunities and travel to some countries may require your child to provide an updated immunization record. **Each time your child receives an immunization and you advise the Health Unit, the Health Unit is able to update your child's immunization record.**

## We're Here For YOU!

**By working together, we can ensure that your child's immunization record is always up-to-date!**

If, at any time, you would like to request a copy of your child's immunization record, have any questions or concerns about a vaccine or if you don't have a family doctor and your child needs a vaccine, please call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.



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