

CHAPTER FOUR: HEALTH AND MEDICAL SUPERVISION

Health and Medical Supervision	Immunization of Children
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Policy

North Hastings Children's Services shall ensure that all children will be required to up to date immunizations before the commencement of attendance and subsequently if requested by NHCS, subject to duly recorded religious or conscience or medical objection.

Ontario's Routine Immunization Schedule

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/immunization/static/immunization_tool.html

Children entering the Children's Center must meet requirements set out by the Health Unit. All children registering for the first time must have their immunization or exemption assessed by the Health Unit before starting the first day of Childcare. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure documentation is provided of updates to immunization records.

For further information about immunization requirements please call the Hastings County Health Unit at 613-332-4555.

Parents of children who object to immunization due to religious/conscience or medical reasons must complete a standardized ministry approved form.

Licensees must retain these forms in children's records and have these forms available for review by ministry staff at all times.

Procedures

1. Immunization records and/or records of parental objection must be received prior to attendance.
2. These records must be sent to public health at registration and any updates to fax number 1-613-966-8145.
3. Immunization records and/or records of parental objection must be kept as part of children's files.

4. NHCS may request subsequent records to keep records of immunization and/or records of parental objections up to date.
5. Refusal to provide updated immunization records will be regarded as denied enrolment and/or discharged from the program.

The approved English form by the Minister for personal objections is: Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form must be completed by a “commissioner for taking affidavits” (i.e. notarized).

The approved English form by the Minister for medical exemptions is: Statement of Medical Exemption form and must be completed by a doctor or nurse practitioner.

Licensees are not required to keep immunization records or records of parental objections for children who attend a publicly-funded school or private school (with the meaning of the Education Act) as the school is required to maintain these records.