



Recommendations for Caregivers from the Maintaining Immunizations for School-Aged Children During COVID-19 Report

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STEP 1: KNOW THE VACCINES SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS NEED

Publicly funded vaccinations are recommended at different times for school-aged children in Ontario.

Ages 4-6 years

Tdap-IPV

Vaccine against
tetanus, diphtheria,
pertussis and polio

MMRV

Vaccine for measles,
mumps, rubella and
varicella (chickenpox)

Grade 7

Men-C-ACYW- 135

Vaccine against
meningococcal
disease

HB

Vaccine against
hepatitis B

HPV

Vaccine against
human
papillomavirus

14-16 years

Tdap

Vaccine against
tetanus, diphtheria,
and pertussis

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STEP 2: IDENTIFY ACCESS POINTS WHERE CHILDREN CAN RECEIVE MISSED IMMUNIZATIONS

- Primary healthcare providers can administer routine vaccines for tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, and meningococcal disease (Men-C-C), which are currently required for school attendance in Ontario.
- Public Health Units can deliver vaccinations recommended for school-aged children. Meningococcal Conjugate ACYW-135, HPV and Hepatitis B vaccines are typically offered at school-based clinics, but in some special circumstances can be ordered by primary health care providers.
- Pharmacies do not currently administer these vaccines, but can administer influenza vaccines to school-aged children.

Plan ahead for your child's immunization appointment. The CARD system is a tool developed by experts to help you and your child(ren) have a better vaccination experience.

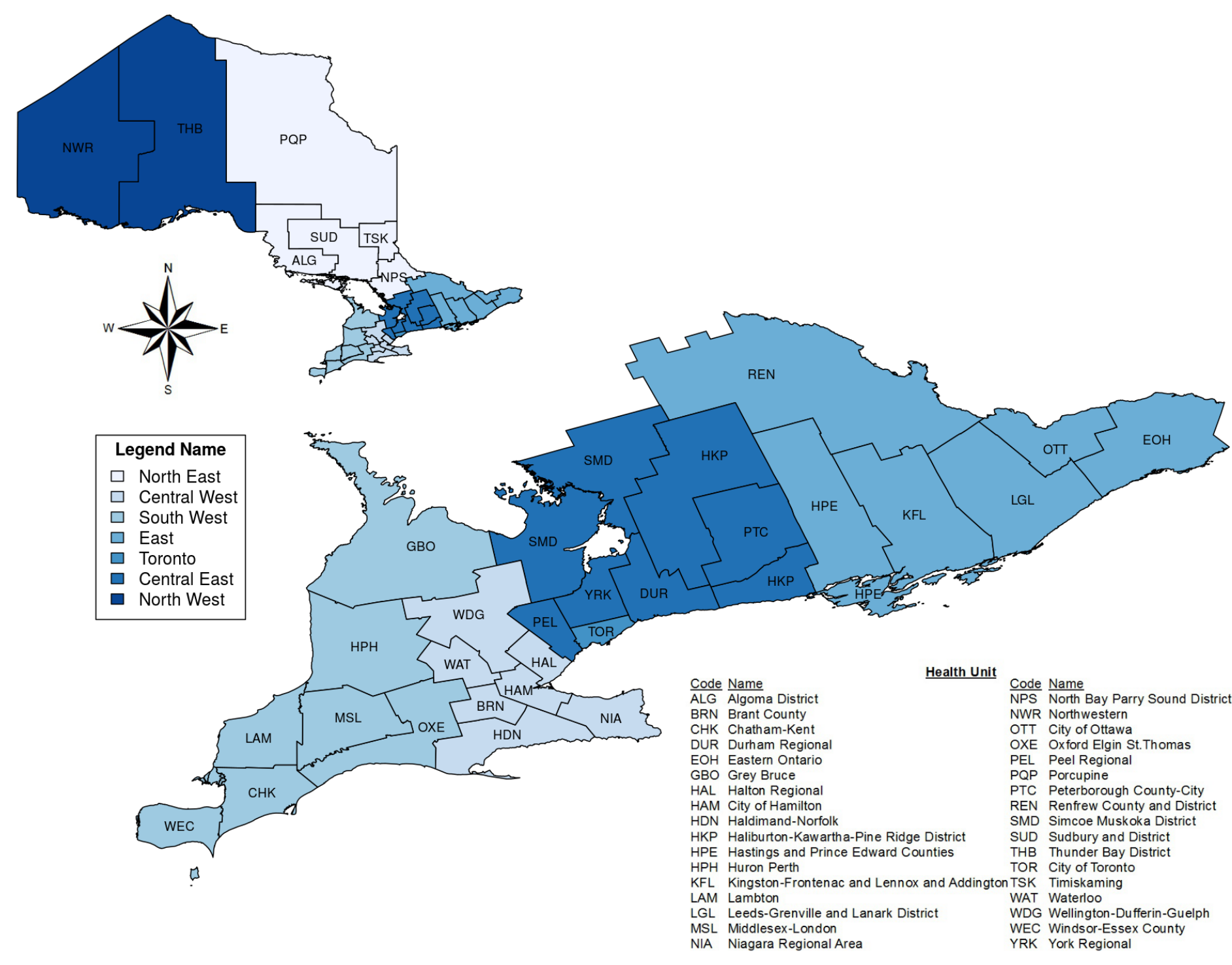
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STEP 3: REPORT IMMUNIZATIONS TO YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT

Caregivers are required to report their child(ren)'s immunizations to their local public health unit. Caregivers may report their child(ren)'s immunizations using their public health unit's Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON) reporting tool. ICON is a web-based service provided by the Ministry of Health that allows you to report and view immunization information.

To find your public health unit and webpage, use the [Public Health Unit Locator Tool](#). To find your public health unit's ICON immunization reporting tool, see the list on the next page.



Map of Ontario health units colour-coded by region was generated using Public Health Ontario's Easy Maps v2.0 Tool.

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ALG - [Algoma Public Health](#)

BRN - [Brant County Health Unit](#)

CUK - [Chatham-Kent Public Health](#)

DUR - [Durham Region Health Department](#)

EOH - [Eastern Ontario Health Unit](#)

GBO - [Grey Bruce Health Unit](#)

HAL - [Halton Region Health Department](#)

HAM - [City of Hamilton Public Health Services](#)

HDN - [Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit](#)

HKP - [Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit](#)

HPE - [Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit](#)

HPH - [Huron Perth Public Health](#)

KFL - [Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Health Unit](#)

LAM - [Lambton Public Health](#)

LGL - [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit](#)

MSL - [Middlesex-London Health Unit](#)

NIA - [Niagara Region Public Health](#)

NPS - [North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit](#)

NWR - [Northwestern Health Unit](#)

OTT - [Ottawa Public Health](#)

OXE - [Southwestern Public Health](#)

PEL - [Peel Public Health](#)

PQP - [Porcupine Health Unit](#)

PTC - [Peterborough Public Health](#)

REN - [Renfrew County & District Health Unit](#)

SMD - [Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#)

SUD - [Public Health Sudbury and Districts](#)

THB - [Thunder Bay District Health Unit](#)

TOR - [Toronto Public Health](#)

TSK - [Timiskaming Health Unit](#)

WAT - [Region of Waterloo, Public Health](#)

WDG - [Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit](#)

WEC - [Windsor-Essex County Health Unit](#)

YRK - [York Regional Public Health](#)

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- What are the incentives to maintaining personal immunization records?
 - Active involvement in decision-making for health care or medical treatment
 - Control of personal health records
 - Accessible digital records and printable yellow cards through ICON, even if the caregiver moves within Ontario
 - Currently this does not include records for COVID-19 vaccines
 - Records may be needed to participate in childhood or post-secondary programs, travel, and volunteer or employment opportunities
- How can I find the information needed to update or get an immunization records?
 - [Immunize Canada Tips for Locating Old Vaccination Records](#)
- Where else can I learn about the vaccines recommended for my children?
 - [Public Health Agency of Canada Parent's Guide to Vaccination \(available in 13 languages\)](#).
 - [Immunize Canada Resources for Parents](#)