

## Exemption Process for Immunization Record Submission for Schools

All children (kindergarten to Grade 12) entering school in Ontario must be immunized against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Meningococcal Disease, Varicella (chicken pox), Measles, Mumps and Rubella according to the [Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990 and Regulation 645](#).

The Act allows for exemptions in 2 ways.

### Medical Exemption Process

- A child may be exempted from required immunizations based on an assessment by their physician or nurse practitioner.
- Medical exemptions may be permanent or temporary.
- Exemptions may be granted based on contraindications (allergies to vaccine components), laboratory confirmation of immunity or diagnosis of prior disease
- The original, completed [Statement of Medical Exemption Form - Immunization of School Pupils Act](#) with a physician's or nurse practitioner's signature must be submitted to the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit.

**Please mail or drop off the original signed form to:**

Immunization Program  
Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit  
458 Laurier Boulevard  
Brockville, ON K6V 7A3

Copies are not accepted.

Parents should keep a copy for their own records.

### Conscience or Religious Belief Exemption Process

To qualify for a Conscience or religious belief exemption, parents/caregivers must:

- Complete an immunization education session provided by the Health Unit as per [Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990](#)

**AND**

- Complete and sign the [Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief](#) form and then have it signed by a commissioner for taking affidavits. (examples include a Notary Public, a Lawyer or a Paralegal)
- The original signed document must be submitted to the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit.

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### Parent Education sessions are provided by Health Unit staff.

To enroll in a parent education session, please email [ParentinfoSessionDL@healthunit.org](mailto:ParentinfoSessionDL@healthunit.org) and provide the following information in the email.

- Parent/guardian name
- Parent/guardian contact information – phone and email address
- Child(ren)s name(s), date(s) of birth, school attended.

A certificate of completion will be provided by the Health Unit upon completion of the session.



For more information, please call 1-800-660-5853  
or visit our website at [www.healthunit.org](http://www.healthunit.org)