



Fort Erie International Academy

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2025-2026 Vaccination Requirements

Why Vaccines Are Required

Under Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), all students attending school—including international students—must provide proof of immunization against specific diseases. This is to ensure the health and safety of all students living and learning together, especially in a close environment like a residence or dormitory.

Required Vaccines for High School Students (Grades 9–12)

International students must provide proof of vaccination for the following nine (9) diseases:

1. Diphtheria
2. Tetanus
3. Pertussis (whooping cough)
4. Polio
5. Measles
6. Mumps
7. Rubella
8. Meningococcal Disease (Men-C-ACYW) – typically given at age 12+
9. Varicella (chickenpox) – required only for students born in 2010 or later

Additional Strongly Recommended Vaccines

Although not required by law, Ontario's Ministry of Health strongly recommends the following vaccines, especially for students in boarding school settings:

- Hepatitis B
- HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
- Influenza (annual flu shot)
- COVID-19 (especially if still recommended by public health at time of travel)

Submitting Immunization Records

Before arriving in Canada, students should:

1. Have their immunization records translated into English, including vaccine names and dates.
2. Bring an official vaccination certificate or immunization card.
3. Provide a copy of the record to the school during the registration process.
4. The school will submit it to the Niagara Region Public Health unit on your behalf.

If any vaccines are missing or not up-to-date, the student will be scheduled for catch-up immunizations after arrival. Niagara Public Health offers free vaccination clinics





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What Happens if Vaccines Are Missing?

If a student does not provide immunization records or receive the required vaccines:

- Niagara Public Health will send a Notice of Suspension if records are incomplete.
- Students may be temporarily suspended from school until vaccination or documentation is received.
- In case of a disease outbreak (e.g. measles), unvaccinated students may be excluded from school and residence until it is safe to return.

Medical or Religious Exemptions

Students may be exempt from certain vaccines if they:

- Have a medical reason, confirmed by a licensed physician or nurse in Ontario
- Have religious or conscientious beliefs, which must be formally submitted through an exemption form and a mandatory education session provided by Niagara Public Health

Note: Even with an exemption, students may still be excluded during outbreaks.

Pre-Arrival Checklist for International Students

- ✓ Confirm which vaccines you have received in your home country
- ✓ Get an official vaccination record, preferably in English
- ✓ Check that required vaccines match Ontario's list
- ✓ Submit vaccine record to your school prior to or upon arrival
- ✓ Book additional vaccines in Canada if needed

Local Public Health Contact

Niagara Region Public Health
Website: niagararegion.ca/health
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Sincerely,

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