

Exemption Forms for Children Attending a School or Licensed Child Care Centre

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Students Attending School

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- **Medical** – A [Statement of Medical Exemption Form](#) may be requested when a child is not able to receive an immunization due to medical reasons, or
- **Non-medical** - A [Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief Form](#) may be requested when a parent/guardian chooses not to immunize a child due to religious beliefs or conscience objects. A Commissioner of Taking Affidavits must sign this form.

Mandatory Immunization Education Session (for a non-medical exemption)

Under the [Immunization of School Pupils Act](#) (ISPA), Ontario parents and guardians who choose not to immunize their child for **non-medical reasons** are **required to attend** an immunization education session and complete a non-medical form. York Region Public Health offers immunization education sessions for residents through a virtual, web-based video conferencing session (the sessions are no longer held in person).

To book an immunization education session, please click [here](#). A York Region Public Health representative may contact you by phone or email regarding education session registration. If you have any questions regarding the education session, please call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73452.

When you complete an ISPA vaccine education session, you will receive the education certificate by an encrypted email 3 to 5 business days after session completion from imms1@york.ca. If you do not consent to receive the certificate via email, please contact imms1@york.ca.

For more information on immunization exemptions, contact York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675, ext. 73456.

[FAQs: Process for filing a Non-medical Exemption under the Immunization of School Pupils Act](#)

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