



## Immunization Status – a Parent’s Duty to Report



Children who attend school in Ontario are required by law to be immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases. To make sure students are safe from these diseases, Ottawa Public Health (OPH) is required to keep information on the immunization status of **every** child attending school in our city.

Parents are responsible for reporting their child’s immunization status. Doctors do not do this. When a child gets a vaccine from their health care provider, a parent can send an update via the OPH website or by calling the Immunization Program at 613-580-6744, extension 24108.

An immunization record (the “yellow card”) is just as important as a passport or a birth certificate - keep it in a safe place! It is also important to maintain your child’s records if you travel, or if they attend day care, summer camp, college or university, or get a job.

For more information about immunization or to discuss an exemption, contact Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744 or visit [www.ottawa.ca/health](http://www.ottawa.ca/health).