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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming your students to Canada for their program starting in September 2025, and we would like to remind you of some important vaccination information to review in advance.

While most vaccination requirements are similar across countries, there are some differences in Canada’s immunization guidelines. To avoid any disruption to your child’s studies while they are in Canada, please check your child’s vaccination record and confirm that it aligns with Canadian requirements (please review the table below outlining Canadian Vaccination Requirements).

Vaccine name	Ontario Requirements
Poliomyelitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First valid dose administered no earlier than 6 weeks (42 days) of age. • Second valid dose administered at a minimum interval of 4 weeks (28 days) following previous dose. • Third valid dose administered at a minimum interval of 24 weeks following previous dose. • Fourth valid dose administered at a minimum interval of 24 weeks following previous dose, and no earlier than 4 years of age. <p><i><u>(Note: Fourth valid dose is not required if third valid dose is administered at 4 years of age or older.)</u></i></p>
MMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First valid dose administered no earlier than 1 year of age, and at a minimum interval of 4 or 6 weeks following any previous dose of a live vaccine, depending on the live vaccine. • Second valid dose administered at a minimum interval of 4 or 6 weeks following any previous dose of a live vaccine, depending on the live vaccine.”
Men-C-AYCW135;	<p>1 dose is required at age 12 years or older (Grade 7 or above). If received prior – the recommended interval between Men-C-ACYW135 vaccines is 5 years; with a minimal interval of 4 weeks.</p>

**Please see attached Immunization of School Pupils Act that outlines the requirements for immunizations in Ontario:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-routine-immunization-schedule#section-2>

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900645>

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Local Public Health Units in each province review all vaccination records for each student registered within the local school boards. If there are any discrepancies or missing doses according to Canadian standards, the student may be required to take further action.

The province of Ontario has strictest requirements. The scenarios that may arise if the child is **NOT** in compliance with Ontario local health regulations include:

- 1) The Health Unit will send a letter to the child, providing a deadline to update vaccinations
- 2) Following the deadline, the child may be suspended from school until they provide proof of compliance
- 3) The parents agree that the child will receive the booster in order to meet the terms and return to school
- 4) The parents wish to challenge the terms and have their child undergo bloodwork to assess their current level of immunity. If the results are below the Ontario standard, they agree to proceed with vaccination. However, if the immunity is below the standard and the parents do not consent to vaccination, the child cannot return to school and must therefore return home.

Taking care of this in advance will help to ensure that your child starts their program smoothly and without delay.

Sincerely,

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