

Immunization is best protection

The control of communicable diseases has been largely attributed to the development of vaccines.

Community health has seen a marked decrease in serious childhood diseases because of the use of vaccines. Specifically in Ontario, we have the Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1982, which requires that vaccine be given for the following infectious diseases: measles, rubella (German measles), mumps, diphtheria, polio (infantile paralysis), and tetanus (lockjaw).

This law states that all Ontario students under the age of 18 years must be immunized unless they have legally been exempted. Parents are directly responsible for providing the health unit with their child's immunization record. Exceptions to this Act are based

on medical, religious, and conscientious grounds.

In addition to these vaccines, children between 18 months and 5 years of age attending daycare or nursery schools are required to receive the Haemophilus type b vaccine which prevents meningitis.

Children can be immunized by your family physician or at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit free of charge. The immunization schedule is as follows:

Age 2, 4, and 6 months- DPT Polio (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Poliomyelitus)

After 12 months- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

18 months and at 4- 6 years- a booster of DPT Polio

18 months- HIB (Haemophilus Influenza b)

Parents should keep the yellow

Immunization Record the child receives as proof of immunization and have it updated each time the child is immunized.

The Health Unit must be advised of your child's immunization record prior to attending school in September of 1990.

If your child missed his or her senior kindergarten or high school booster this past year due to the polio vaccine shortage, the child is required to have this completed before starting school. If you have any questions about immunization contact the office of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit nearest you.

Immunization is the best protection for your children against infectious disease. Our goal is to maintain a high immunization rate in our school population, and to do this we need the continued support of you, the parents.

Holiday weekend injuries of concern

The Ontario Provincial Police are encouraging safe and attentive driving during this last holiday weekend of summer.

T/Sgt. Bob Lyon says the usual heavy volume of traffic, particularly on roadways leading to and from recreation areas, puts a strain on drivers.

"Reaction time is lessened when a person has been behind the wheel for more than an hour," says Lyon, provincial programs coordinator. "And if a driver is distracted at all, that's another reason to pull off the highway for a break."

Statistics indicate between 11 and 19 people died and more than

500 were injured in accidents investigated by the OPP during each of the past three Labour Day weekends.

"I encourage motorists to allow sufficient time for their trip and to resist the desire to make up for lost time by passing other vehicles when it is not clearly safe to do so."

He says his goal is to reduce the number of accidents this holiday weekend.

T/Sgt. Lyon says: "Speed, alcohol, drugs, and failure to buckle up continue to be contributing factors in mot fatal accidents around the province."



Our salute to Labour! With summer drawing to a rapid close. We very often forget the purpose of the the last long week-end of summer. This year your employers, unions and friends want an opportunity to say "Well done."

Our finest natural resource is our people. Happy Labour Day to our staff and to all workers in the community
Minnova Inc.
Winston Lake Division

A happy and safe Labour Day to all of our staff and to all workers in our community.

Congratulations to the construction, forest products, mining, and railroad workers of our riding, "the Engine of our Economy." Let's build a strong future together. You have my respect.



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