

Appendix E: Elementary and Secondary Medical and Non-Medical (Philosophical) Exemption Rates by Vaccination, 2022-2023

According to the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), students can be exempted from vaccination requirements for two reasons:

1. **Medical:** The child has a medical condition that prevents them from receiving a vaccine or there is evidence of immunity to the disease making further immunization unnecessary.
2. **Non-Medical:** The child's parent/guardian has completed an immunization education session with a medical officer of health or with a medical officer of health's delegate that complies with the prescribed requirements, if any, and who has filed a statement of conscience or religious belief with the proper medical officer of health. A "statement of conscience or religious belief" means a statement by affidavit in the prescribed form by a parent/guardian of the person named in the statement that immunization conflicts with the sincerely held convictions of the parent based on the parent's religion or conscience.¹

Elementary and Secondary Exemption Rates 2022 - 2023

School Level	Exemption Rates (per cent) for diphtheria, polio, tetanus, pertussis (DTP)	
	2022	2023
Elementary	2.5	2.0
Secondary	3.0	3.3

School Level	Exemption Rates (per cent) for measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	
	2022	2023
Elementary	2.6	2.2
Secondary	3.1	3.4

School Level	Exemption Rates (per cent) for meningococcal	
	2022	2023
Elementary	2.1	2.1
Secondary	3.1	3.3

¹ Immunization of School Pupils Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. I.1
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90i01>

School Level	Exemption Rates (per cent) for varicella	
	2022	2023
Elementary	2.9	2.4
Secondary*	N/A	N/A

* Varicella is not mandatory for students born before 2010, so does not currently apply to secondary students.