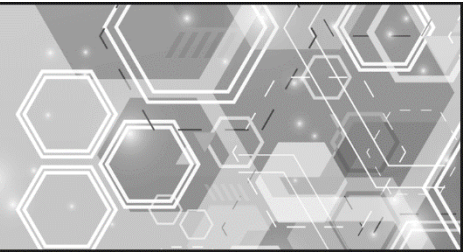




Durham Region Health Department Facts about...



Meningococcal C Conjugate Vaccine

What is it?

- Meningococcal C conjugate (Men-C-C) vaccine protects against the C strain of the bacteria that causes invasive meningococcal disease (IMD). For more information, see [Facts About ... Meningitis](#).
- Menjugate® and NeisVac-C® are Men-C-C vaccines that are approved for use in Canada.
- Men-C-C vaccines do not protect against other strains of meningococcal bacteria (A, B, Y and W135). There are other vaccines available in Canada to protect against these strains. Talk to your health care provider for more information.

How effective is the vaccine?

- Men-C-C vaccine is 97% effective in infants within 1 year of vaccination, decreasing to 68% after year 1.

Who should get the vaccine?

The following people can receive the **Men-C-C vaccine for free** as per the current [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario](#):

- Individuals at least 12 months of age, born on or after September 1, 2003.
- Adults born between 1986 and 1996.

Under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* and the *Immunization of Schools Pupils Act* one dose of Men-C-C vaccine is **required** for children attending child care and school in Ontario unless they have a valid exemption*.

What is the schedule for the vaccine?

- One dose of Men-C-C is routinely given at 12 months of age.

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If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



Are there side effects with the vaccine?

- Men-C-C vaccines are safe, and side effects are usually mild and last a short time.
- The most common side effects are pain, redness, and swelling at the injection site.
- If you think a serious reaction is developing, seek medical attention right away.

Any unusual or significant changes in your health or your child's health after the immunization should be reported to a health care provider and the Health Department.

Who should **NOT** get the vaccine?

- If you have received a meningococcal conjugate vaccine within the past 4 weeks.
- If you are sick with a high fever or serious infection worse than a cold, you should wait until you feel better.
- If you have severe allergy (anaphylaxis) to any previous vaccine(s) or to any component of the vaccines.

For more information on the contents of the vaccine, please refer to the [Canada Immunization Guide](#).

Don't forget to update your immunization record!

For children in school or child care, inform Durham Region Health Department of your child's vaccine. Health care providers do not report vaccines to the Health Department automatically. Keep your records updated and in a safe place.

After your child receives a vaccine, update Durham Region Health Department:

- Online at durham.ca/immunize (you may also attach a photo of your record).
- By calling 1-800-841-2729 or 905-666-6242.
- By faxing your vaccine/immunization record to 905-666-6216.

The Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON) tool allows you to see your child's vaccine/immunization record online anytime.

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