BE WELL INFORMED - THE DECISION TO IMMUNIZE YOUR CHILD IS AN IMPORTANT ONE

Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health strongly recommends immunization as a safe and effective way to protect yourself, your family and your community from vaccine-preventable diseases.

We encourage you to make an informed decision, and to know the risks and responsibilities as a parent when choosing not to immunize your child. If you are choosing not to immunize your child, please keep the following in mind:

- You may be putting your child at risk of serious illness or possibly death from diseases that could be prevented by vaccines
- If your child gets sick and needs medical attention, it is important to tell health care providers that they have not been immunized
- Your child may be unable to attend school/daycare if there is an outbreak or threatened outbreak of disease within the community
- Your child may unknowingly expose other children and/or adults that cannot be immunized for medical reasons to highly contagious diseases
- Summer camps, volunteer work, or certain college/university programs may require your child to have an up-to-date immunization record for enrolment
- If planning to travel outside of Canada, you put your child at a higher risk of getting dangerous diseases that are very contagious – these diseases are only a plane ride away

Should you change your mind in the future, your child may still receive their complete series of immunizations. You may call Public Health at any time to cancel your exemption and report immunizations given (1-800-265-7293 ext 4396).

Speak with your healthcare provider or Public Health if you have any questions.

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