

Vaccine Policy

Scales Nature Park Reptile Camp

Infectious diseases can spread among children and adolescents at camp who are not vaccinated. Infection from certain diseases can kill or seriously harm children. Vaccines use weakened or killed virus or bacteria to trigger your natural immune response to provide long-term protection against a disease (without the risk of getting the disease). It is like a rehearsal for the immune system, so you are prepared if they are exposed to the "real" disease.

For Reptile Camp Orillia we require that a child have the following vaccinations:

diphtheria

polio

measles

mumps

rubella

meningitis (meningococcal disease)

whooping cough (pertussis)

chickenpox (varicella) – required for children born in 2010 or later

We do prefer that our campers a current tetanus vaccination/booster but we do not require this as it can be received after an injury and be effective.

Exemptions

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, your child can be exempted from immunization for medical reasons or due to conscience or religious beliefs.

For medical reasons: provide a Statement of Medical Exemption form that has been signed by a physician or nurse practitioner.

For conscience or religious belief: must provide Vaccine Education Certificate signed and dated by your public health unit as well as a Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form signed by a commissioner for taking affidavits in Ontario.

Information taken from <https://www.ontario.ca/page/vaccines-children-school#section-3>