

Ambulance Service Communicable Disease Standards

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Part A – Vaccine Preventable Diseases

The operator of each ambulance service shall ensure that:

1. Each EMA and paramedic hold a valid certificate signed by a physician that:
 - a. states that the EMA or paramedic is immunized against each of the diseases set out in Table 1 – Part A; **OR**
 - b. states that,
 - i. such immunization is medically contraindicated,
 - ii. there is laboratory evidence of immunity (applicable only for Varicella [Chickenpox], Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Hepatitis B), or
 - iii. there is medically documented diagnosis or verification of history (applicable only for Varicella [Chickenpox]).
2. Each paramedic student, prior to commencing any clinical experience within the service, hold a valid certificate signed by a physician that:
 - a. states that the paramedic student is immunized against each of the diseases set out in Table 1 – Part A; **OR**
 - b. states that,
 - i. such immunization is medically contraindicated,
 - ii. there is laboratory evidence of immunity (applicable only for Varicella [Chickenpox], Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Hepatitis B), or
 - iii. there is medically documented diagnosis or verification of history (applicable only for Varicella [Chickenpox]).

Table 1 – Part A outlines the mandatory immunization requirements for each EMA, paramedic or paramedic student as required by clause 6(1)(h) of O. Reg. 257/00 under the *Ambulance Act*.

Part B – Communicable Diseases

The operator of each ambulance service shall ensure that:

1. Each EMA, paramedic and paramedic student shall be free from communicable diseases set out in Table 1 – Part B.

Table 1 – Part B outlines the communicable diseases from which each EMA, paramedic or paramedic student must be free as required by clause 6(1)(g) of O. Reg. 257/00 under the *Ambulance Act*.

TABLE 1

PART A	
Disease	Schedule
Tetanus Diphtheria	Primary series (3 doses) if unimmunized Tetanus diphtheria (Td) booster doses every 10 years
Polio	Primary series (3 doses) if previously unimmunized or unknown polio immunization history
Pertussis	1 single dose of tetanus diphtheria acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine regardless of age if not previously received in adulthood
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2 doses if no evidence of immunity
Measles	2 doses if no evidence of immunity regardless of age
Mumps	2 doses if no evidence of immunity
Rubella	1 single dose if no evidence of immunity
Hepatitis B	2 – 4 age appropriate doses and serologic testing within 1 to 6 months after completing the series.
PART B	
No communicable diseases are prescribed	For communicable disease management requirements please refer to the document entitled " <i>Patient Care and Transportation Standards</i> ", published by the Ministry, as that document may be amended from time to time.