



IMMUNIZATIONS WHILE LIVING IN THE US

When are immunization records required for a move to the US? Immunization records are required for all Canadian CAF members and their dependents when screening for a US posting. All children are also required to provide their immunization records at the time of school and/or daycare registration, and therefore it is important to remember to bring the records on your HHT. CAF spouses may be required to show their immunization records for specific employment or volunteer opportunities.

Should I bring our families' immunization records on our House Hunting Trip (HHT)? Yes. They are required for new school registration and daycare enrollment.

Where do I get a copy of immunization records for myself and my family? CAF members may have a copy of their immunization record book and they are also available at the local base medical clinic/hospital. CAF dependents can obtain their records from their local family doctor in Canada. It is recommended that the record show the day, month and year that the immunization was given.

How do I know what the vaccination requirements for my new US posting location? You can find the vaccination requirements for your state and school district by visiting [Vaccines and Immunizations | CDC](#). Immunizations are done differently in the US, and by state, and may not coincide with your Canadian provincial timeline requirements.

How do I keep track of my immunizations, as I have different records and some not recorded? The CDC has recommendations for organizing and keeping track of your immunization records, visit [Locating and Tracking Adult Vaccine Records | CDC](#). You can also ask your provider if they can transcribe your immunizations into one record.

Where is the best place to get immunizations for my CAF family in the US? It is highly recommended that CAF dependents utilize their US Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Immunization Clinic for their immunizations. There is no cost or paperwork required. Using one location for immunizations is also best for accurate record keeping. If there is no MTF in your location or you and/or your family do not have access, you can go to a provider of your choice, public or community health clinics, pharmacies, or other community locations that provide immunizations.

How do I pay for immunizations if I do not go to my local MTF? All immunizations off base (on the economy) are to be billed to Allianz as your primary insurance provider. Allianz will cover 80% of the cost of most immunizations. The additional 20% of the cost can be billed to TRICARE as your secondary insurance provider. If TRICARE does not cover the cost, the amount can be submitted for reimbursement to the OUTCAN US Medical Support Team, as it is an R70 code. Visit our [Healthcare in the US](#) webpage for more information.

Help! My child's new school in the US is requiring immunizations that my child does not have. What should I do? Your child may be required to have specific immunizations to attend school and/or daycare at your new US location that is not on the provincial timeline of the Canadian province you reside in. If this is the case, you may not be able to receive an immunization at a public/community health unit in Canada as they are required to follow the provincial immunization timeline and cannot make any exceptions. There are two options to get your child the immunizations required for your new post:

1. Make an appointment with your child's family doctor in Canada and ask if they can order in the required immunization and arrange to administer. If this is possible, the immunization will be billed as a prescription through your healthcare insurance and administered at their office or at a local pharmacy.
2. Wait until you arrive at your new post to receive the immunizations. We recommend utilizing your local base facilities when possible as there are no fees and records will be stored in one place.

My new US employer is requiring specific immunizations for my new position. Is this normal? Yes. States may require immunizations for specific employment positions depending on the profession and/or company. This is common for health care workers at health care facilities.

Are there medical exemptions for immunizations in the US? Yes. All states provide medical exemptions, and some also offer exemptions for religious and/or philosophical reasons. State laws also establish mechanisms for enforcement of school requirements and exemptions.