



Is Your Child Starting Kindergarten?



Find your child's immunization record at healthgateway.gov.bc.ca

QUESTIONS?

Visit www.immunizebc.ca

Call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1

Speak to your health care provider

Contact your local health unit, community health centre, or nursing station



Find an immunization clinic:
www.immunizebc.ca/finder



DID YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD NEEDS VACCINES?

LEARN ABOUT:

- **What** vaccines your child needs starting at age 4 (kindergarten entry)
- **Where** your child can get immunized
- **Why** immunization records are important
- **Who** to call if you have questions



VACCINES YOUR CHILD NEEDS STARTING AT AGE 4 (KINDERGARTEN ENTRY)

Your child needs two vaccines starting at age 4:

- **The Tdap-IPV vaccine*** to protect against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), and polio
- **The MMRV vaccine** to protect against measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chickenpox)

These vaccines are free.

* This is a booster dose for children who were immunized against these diseases at a younger age.

CALL TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION APPOINTMENT TODAY

- Contact your local health unit, community health centre, or nursing station
- Contact your health care provider (family doctors and nurse practitioners provide immunizations in some areas of B.C.)

Vaccines are a healthy choice for your child. They protect your child's health and the health of their classmates.



COMMON QUESTIONS

Q: What happens if my child does not get all the recommended vaccines?

Your child should get all the recommended vaccines on time for best protection. Any unimmunized child is at risk of getting a vaccine-preventable disease and spreading it to others. These diseases can cause serious illness, long-term disability, and even death.

If someone at your child's school has a vaccine-preventable disease, and your child is unprotected, your child may be asked to stay home until it is safe to return. They may miss several days or weeks of school.

Q: Why does my local health unit need my child's immunization record?

Your local health unit needs an up-to-date record of your child's immunizations so they can:

- Know what vaccines to recommend for your child
- Know if your child is protected if there is a disease outbreak at your child's school
- Provide the best care for your child

Q: Why do I need to keep a copy of my child's immunization record?

Always keep a current immunization record for your child in a safe place. You may need your child's record when you register your child for school, if you move, if you travel, or if you visit a new health care provider.

If you don't have a copy of your child's record, you can contact the clinic where your child was immunized to request it.



Immunizations may cause some pain. Fortunately, there are many things you can do that can help make the immunization experience more positive for both you and your child. Talk to your health care provider or visit www.immunizebc.ca to learn more.