

Vaccines Recommended for Adults in BC

Vaccine (Click on the vaccine name to view the vaccine HealthLinkBC file)	Recommended and available for free:	Recommended and available at cost:	Available at cost:
Chickenpox (Varicella)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susceptible individuals need two doses of the vaccine. 		
Hepatitis A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults with medical or lifestyle risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelers to destinations where the risk of hepatitis A is high (consult with a travel clinic). Adults with occupational risks and food handlers (the cost of the vaccine may be covered by your employer). Adults with lifestyle or other risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection.
Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults born in 1980 or later. Adults with medical, occupational, lifestyle or other risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults living in communities or traveling to destinations where the risk of hepatitis B is high (travelers should consult a travel clinic). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection.
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (HPV2, Cervarix®)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women ≤ 45 years of age. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women 46 years of age and older.
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (HPV9, Gardasil®9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women who have started the vaccine series < 19 years of age. Men ≤ 26 years of age with lifestyle or other risks. HIV positive individuals ≤ 26 years of age. Transgender individuals ≤ 26 years of age. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women ≤ 45 years of age. Men ≤ 26 years of age. Men 27 years of age and older who have sex with men. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women 46 years of age and older. Men 27 years of age and older.
Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults, every year. 		
Measles/Mumps/Rubella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults born in 1970 or later who have not had the diseases need two doses of the vaccine. 		

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<u>Meningococcal C Conjugate</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults ≤ 24 years of age and born before 2002 who didn't get a dose of the vaccine on or after their 10th birthday. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults with occupational risks (the cost of the vaccine may be covered by your employer). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection.
<u>Meningococcal Quadrivalent Conjugate</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who are medically high risk Adults ≤ 24 years of age and born in 2002 or later who have not received the vaccine. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults with occupational risks (the cost of the vaccine may be covered by your employer). Travelers to destinations where the risk of meningococcal disease is high (consult a travel clinic). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection.
<u>Pertussis (Whooping Cough)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who have never been immunized against pertussis or whose immunization history is unknown. Pregnant people in every pregnancy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those who have not received the vaccine as adults. 	
<u>Pneumococcal Conjugate</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some adults who are medically high risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who are medically high risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection.
<u>Pneumococcal Polysaccharide</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults ≥ 65 years of age. Adults with medical or lifestyle risks. Adults living in residential care or assisted living facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who are smokers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection.
<u>Polio</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults at increased risk of exposure to polio due to occupation or travel. 		
<u>Shingles</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults ≥ 50 years of age. 	
<u>Tetanus, Diphtheria</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults, every 10 years. 		
<u>Travel vaccines</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varies by destination, consult with a travel health clinic. 	

Whether or not you are eligible for a publicly funded (free) vaccine depends on many factors, including your age, gender, health, occupation, and medical or lifestyle risks. Publicly funded vaccines are available through health units, some doctors' offices, and most pharmacies. Vaccines for purchase are available through travel clinics and most pharmacies. Services vary across B.C.