

## IN B.C., CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS PROTECT AGAINST MANY DISEASES:

- ✓ Chickenpox (varicella)
- ✓ Diphtheria
- ✓ *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)
- ✓ Hepatitis B
- ✓ Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- ✓ Influenza (flu)
- ✓ Measles
- ✓ Meningococcal
- ✓ Mumps
- ✓ Whooping cough (pertussis)
- ✓ Pneumococcal
- ✓ Polio
- ✓ Rotavirus
- ✓ Rubella
- ✓ Tetanus



Find B.C.'s routine immunization schedules at [immunizebc.ca](http://immunizebc.ca).

### COVID-19 Vaccination

Get the latest information about COVID-19 vaccines at [immunizebc.ca/covid-19](http://immunizebc.ca/covid-19)



**Keep your child safe. Make sure they get all immunizations on time.**

## QUESTIONS?

Visit [www.immunizebc.ca](http://www.immunizebc.ca)

Call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1

Speak to your health care provider

Contact your local health unit\*



Health Unit Finder:  
[www.immunizebc.ca/finder](http://www.immunizebc.ca/finder)



\*Health units are called public health units, community health centres, or primary care homes in some areas of B.C.



A free immunization tracking app. To learn more and download, visit [www.canimmunize.ca](http://www.canimmunize.ca).



## JUST MOVED HERE?

**MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS ALL THE IMMUNIZATIONS THEY NEED.**



### LEARN ABOUT:

- **Why** you need to get your child's immunization record checked.
- **Where** your child can get immunized.
- **What** immunizations children in B.C. need.
- **Who** to call if you have questions.



## TAKE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD TO YOUR LOCAL HEALTH UNIT TO BE CHECKED.

This is important because your child may be missing immunizations that are given to children in B.C. but not in your home country or province.

A public health nurse will:

- Check your child's record.
- Help translate your child's record if needed.
- Tell you if your child is missing any immunizations.
- Give missing immunizations for free.

Immunization is the best way to protect your child from many dangerous diseases.



### What is an immunization record?



An immunization record is a list of immunizations a person has had in the past.

### WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE AN IMMUNIZATION RECORD FOR MY CHILD?

- Try contacting your child's past doctor or clinic in your home country or province and ask them to send you a copy of your child's record.
- Without a record, your child will be considered unprotected and should be immunized (or reimmunized) to ensure protection.
- It is safe to repeat vaccines.

### WHERE CAN MY CHILD GET IMMUNIZED?

- At any age, your child can get immunized at your local health unit.
- Some doctors, nurse practitioners and pharmacists immunize. Call ahead to find out if they can immunize your child.

### ARE IMMUNIZATIONS FREE?

- Immunizations that are part of B.C.'s routine immunization schedules for infants and children and school-age children are free.
- If you don't have health insurance under B.C.'s Medical Service Plan (MSP), you may have to pay for vaccines given at a doctor's office or pharmacy. You will not have to pay at your local health unit.



### KEEP A RECORD OF ALL IMMUNIZATIONS YOUR CHILD GETS.

- Keep your child's record in a safe place where you can easily find it.
- Take it with you to each immunization appointment so that the doctor, nurse, or pharmacist can fill it out.
- You may be asked for your child's record when you register your child for daycare, school, summer camps, college or university, or if you move again or travel.

### TRAVELLING?

- Contact a travel clinic at least 6 weeks before you go to find out if your family needs other immunizations.
- You can find more information on travel vaccines at [immunizebc.ca/travellers](https://immunizebc.ca/travellers).

### WHO CAN I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

- Your local health unit to speak with a public health nurse.
- Your family doctor, nurse practitioner, or pharmacist.
- HealthLinkBC at **8-1-1** to speak with a nurse.
- Interpreting services may be available. Ask if you need a translator.