



QUESTIONS?

- Contact your local health unit* and ask to speak with a public health nurse† – see back page
- Speak to your health care provider

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit: ImmunizeBC.ca

Call HealthLink BC: Dial 811 to speak with a nurse any time of the day or night. A translator can help you if needed.

Visit your health authority website:

First Nations Health Authority www.fnha.ca

Fraser Health www.fraserhealth.ca

Interior Health www.interiorhealth.ca

Island Health www.viha.ca

Northern Health www.northernhealth.ca

Vancouver Coastal Health www.vch.ca



USE OUR HEALTH UNIT FINDER



Go to www.immunizebc.ca/finder. Enter your city/town or postal code to find a health unit* near you.



Learn about immunization, take quizzes and earn free vaccines for those in need!

Sign up today at:

BoostImmunity.com

Student program:

KidsBoostImmunity.com

- * Health units are called public health units, community health centres or primary care homes in some areas of B.C.
- † Family doctors provide immunizations in some areas of B.C. only
- ‡ Public health nurses are called community health nurses or primary care nurses in some areas of B.C.

Is Your Child Starting Kindergarten?



ARE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATIONS UP TO DATE?

READ AND 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

IS YOUR CHILD UP TO DATE?

Vaccines are a healthy choice for your child. They protect your child against diseases that can be very serious and even deadly.

Two vaccines are provided free for kindergarten-age children 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)



You can find the complete B.C. childhood immunization schedule at www.immunizebc.ca.

Your public health nurse[‡] or family doctor[†] can review your child's immunization record to make sure they are up to date on all the vaccines they need.

CALL TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION APPOINTMENT TODAY!

- Contact your local health unit* – see back page
- Contact your family doctor[†]



Making sure your child's immunizations are up to date is one of the most important things you can do to protect their health, as well as the health of their classmates.



COMMON QUESTIONS PARENTS ASK

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

For best protection, it's advised that children get all the recommended vaccines and that they get them on time. Unimmunized children are 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 do I need to submit a copy of my child's immunization record to their school? (In some areas of B.C. only)

After you submit your child's record to their school, it is reviewed by your school's public health nurse[‡]. Your child's electronic health record at your local health unit* is then updated with any vaccines your child has received elsewhere. This ensures the right vaccines are recommended for your child in the future.

Q: What if I don't have an immunization record for my child?

A child without an immunization record is considered unimmunized. You can contact the clinic where your child was immunized to request a copy of their record.



ALWAYS KEEP A CURRENT IMMUNIZATION RECORD FOR YOUR CHILD

Here's when you may need it:

- School registration
- After school care
- School trips
- Summer camps
- College or university
- Some types of travel
- If you visit a new health care provider
- If you move to a new province, territory or country



A free immunization tracking app. To learn more and download, visit www.canimmunize.ca