

School Immunizations and Vaccination Status Reporting

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In BC, Public Health Nurses visit schools to provide routine immunizations for students in Grade 6. Students in grade 7 may also be offered an opportunity to receive school-based immunizations for missed or overdue immunizations as part of catch-up campaigns.

For school-based clinics, families will receive clear information about which vaccines are offered and how to provide consent or share decisions about vaccination.

Immunizations for school aged children are also available at public health units, First Nations health centers, as well as some pharmacies and primary care provider offices.

Keeping your child's immunization record up to date, including decisions not to vaccinate, helps public health respond quickly during disease outbreaks and supports the health of schools and communities.

Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation (VSRR)

In BC, vaccines are not required for children to attend school. However, parents and guardians are **required to report their school-aged child's vaccination status**, including if their child has not been vaccinated, under the [Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation \(VSRR\)](#).

Immunization records are stored in the Provincial Immunization Registry (PIR). Accurate records help public health respond quickly if there is an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease. This helps protect students, families, and school communities.

The regulation applies to all students (kindergarten to grade 12) in public, independent, and home schools, including international students. It does not apply to children who attend schools in First Nations communities.

Check and Update Your Child's Immunization Record

Check [Health Gateway](#) to find out if your child's immunization records are in the Provincial Immunization Registry.

If your child received vaccines outside BC, from a doctor or nurse practitioner, or at a travel clinic, some records may be missing from the Provincial Immunization Registry.

Missing records can be submitted through the [Provincial Immunization Portal](#) (records must be in English, French, or certified translation). If you need help submitting your child's records, please call your [local public health unit](#).

If you do not plan to vaccinate your child, please contact [public health](#) to make sure a vaccine refusal is recorded in your child's immunization record. If you previously requested a vaccine refusal be recorded, this should appear in your child's provincial record. Vaccine refusals are routinely reviewed at ages 2, 4, 10, and 13 so families can be offered another opportunity to discuss and consider immunization.

Questions?

**View records:
Health Gateway**



<https://healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/>

**Submit records:
Provincial
Immunization Portal**



<https://immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca>

**Find local support:
Health Unit Locator**



<https://www.islandhealth.ca/our-locations/health-unit-locations>

**Questions:
School Immunizations**



<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-library/immunizations>



<https://www.islandhealth.ca/health-topics/immunizations/immunizations-school-aged-children-and-youth>