

School-Based Immunizations for Students in Kindergarten, Grade 6, and Grade 9

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

In British Columbia, routine vaccines are offered at school to help protect children from serious illnesses. Island Health uses the online BC Digital Consent Tool to collect consent or refusal for school age vaccines. Through the online tool, you can:

- Review your child's vaccine history.
- See which vaccines are recommended.
- Give consent or refuse vaccines online.

If you would like your child to be immunized at a public health unit instead of at a school clinic, contact your local public health unit.

Digital Consent Tool

Grade 6 immunization consent deadline: October 30, 2026

Use the link or QR code to give consent or refuse vaccines for your child.

<https://immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/>



Before You Start

- If you do not have internet access, call your local public health unit for help.
- The online process takes less than 10 minutes.
- You will need your own BC Personal Health Number (PHN) and your child's PHN. If you do not have a PHN, call your local public health unit.
- Review your child's vaccine history carefully. Upload any missing vaccine records.
 - Records must be in English or French or include a certified translation.
 - If the records are in another language and you do not have a certified translation, call your local public health unit.
- You can consent to or refuse each vaccine separately.
- COVID-19 and flu vaccines are not given through school immunization clinics.
- If your child identifies as Indigenous, they may be eligible to receive the Hepatitis A vaccine, if they have not already received it. If this applies to your child, and you do not see this vaccine listed for digital consent, please contact your local public health unit and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you would like to discuss this.
- If you need to change your consent after submitting it, call your local public health unit.

Immunization Clinic Information

Clinic date: Thursday November 19, 2026

If your child receives certain vaccines, such as MMR, chickenpox (varicella), or yellow fever, from a doctor, pharmacy, or travel clinic during the school year, or if your child has a change in their health status after

completing consent, please call your local public health unit. This helps keep their vaccine history up to date and ensures they remain eligible for certain vaccines.

Additional Information for Kindergarten Students and Parents

Please make sure your child knows their full name and date of birth. A public health nurse will ask your child to confirm this information before vaccination. A school staff member or public health nurse will be available to support your child during the clinic. If you would like to be present when your child receives their vaccine, contact your local public health unit to arrange this.

Additional Information for Grade 9 Students and Parents

Parents/guardians/representatives are encouraged to discuss vaccine decisions with their child before submitting consent. In British Columbia (BC), the law allows capable minors under the age of 19 to make health care decisions, including decisions about immunization. This only happens if a health care provider determines that the minor understands the information well enough to make an informed decision. If a health care provider determines that a minor can make an informed decision, the minor is called a "mature minor." This means they may be able to consent to or refuse immunization, regardless of parental consent or refusal on file.

Additional Information for International Students and Parents

All school-aged children attending school in BC, including international students, should have their vaccine records reported to the Provincial Immunization Registry. This helps public health:

- identify recommended vaccines,
- keep vaccine records up to date, and
- respond to disease outbreaks.

International students staying in Canada for six months or longer can receive recommended vaccines for free through school immunization clinics. If your child has a BC Personal Health Number (PHN), they can login to the Digital Consent Tool, review their vaccine history, upload any records from outside BC or Canada, and provide consent or refusal online. If your child does not have a PHN, or if their records are not translated, or in English or French please call your local public health unit.

Questions?

Contact Your Public Health Unit:

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



How to use the BC Digital Consent Tool:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-CjNwF5-FY>



Immunization Information

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



Mature Minor Consent & The Infants Act:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>

