

November 18, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

### **Regarding the need to report student vaccination status**

The B.C. government requires that all students in B.C. have their vaccination status reported. This regulation allows public health to collect all student immunization records. All records are stored in the provincial immunization registry. See [B.C.'s Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation for students](#) for more information.

Collecting immunization records helps public health control outbreaks and keep students healthy and safe. If there is a disease outbreak at a school from a disease that can be prevented by vaccines, public health can quickly find out which child is protected and which child is not. This allows us to act quickly and limit exposure. This is important to keep your child safe and to stop an outbreak from spreading.

Read below to learn more about what is happening in each grade this year for vaccination reporting and immunization clinics.

#### **A. For children in Kindergarten**

- Our Public Health staff checks the immunization records we have on file. We might contact families of children who have missing or incomplete records.

#### **B. For students in Grades 6 and Grade 9**

- Our Public Health nurses will offer immunizations at your school.
- Before the immunization clinics at your school, we send home a consent form for each student.
- Check the immunization record on the consent form. If you have more immunization records that are not listed on the consent form, please submit them to public health at [fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform](https://fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform).

#### **C. For students in all other grades (includes Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12)**

- **Please check immunization records:**

Immunization records can be viewed at [healthgateway.gov.bc.ca](https://healthgateway.gov.bc.ca).

Records for students 11 years of age and younger can be viewed on the parent/guardian account.

Students 12 years of age and older need to create their own account.

If you cannot access Health Gateway and you do not have the records on file, you might need to contact the health care provider who immunized your child to request the record. If your child was immunized by Fraser Health public health, then we have the records on file.

Review the "Immunization Forecast" in Health Gateway to see which immunizations are overdue or missing from the record.

- **If an immunization shows as “overdue”, but you know it was already given:**

Submit the record to public health. You can submit it online at [fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform](http://fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform) or drop the record off at your local public health unit.

Be sure the record you are submitting has the student’s

- full name
- date of birth
- sex at birth
- Personal health number (PHN) if available.

You can also give immunization records to a community health nurse in a First Nations community.

- **If an immunization is due or missing:**

Book an appointment with your local public health unit, family practitioner, or pharmacist. Not all family practitioners and pharmacies give vaccines, so please call ahead.

Visit [fraserhealth.ca/GetImmunized](http://fraserhealth.ca/GetImmunized) for a list of community vaccine providers.

- **To book an appointment at a public health unit, call the number for your community:**

If you live in Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz, Hope	604-702-4906
If you live in Burnaby, Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, New Westminster, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Delta, Surrey, White Rock, Langley	604-476-7087

For more immunization information, visit [Fraserhealth.ca/immunizations](http://Fraserhealth.ca/immunizations).

Thank you for helping to keep our schools and communities healthy.

Sincerely,



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