

Dear parent/guardian/student,

Grade 9 is the last year vaccines are offered in the school setting. Public Health encourages families to review their child's vaccine records to ensure all of the provincially recommended vaccines have been received up to this age. Below is the list of recommended publicly funded 'school age' vaccines your child should have received by the end of Grade 9:

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Complete series includes</b>
<b>Hepatitis B</b> <a href="#">HealthLinkBCFile25a</a>	2 doses (if 3 doses not received in infancy)
<b>Meningococcal Quadrivalent Conjugate ACYW-135 vaccine</b> <a href="#">HealthLinkBCFile23b</a>	1 dose (after 10 years of age)
<b>Varicella ‡</b> (chickenpox) <a href="#">HealthLinkBCFile44b</a>	2 doses ‡
<b>HPV (girls only)</b> (human papillomavirus) <a href="#">HealthLinkBCFile101b</a>	2 doses
<b>MMR</b> (measles, mumps, rubella) <a href="#">HealthLinkBCFile14a</a>	2 doses
<b>Tdap ‡‡</b> (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) <a href="#">HealthLinkBCFile18c</a>	1 dose ‡‡

‡ Children who had chickenpox or shingles disease at 1 year of age or older do not need the chickenpox vaccine.

‡‡ Children should already have received a primary series of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Polio prior to school entry

Because of changes to the immunization schedule and recommended number of doses for varicella, your child may not have received a second dose of varicella vaccine. If your child is missing any of the recommended immunizations, please contact your Doctor, pharmacy, or local Health Unit to make an appointment. These immunizations are provided **free of charge**.

After Grade 9, recommended routine adult immunizations include Td (tetanus, diphtheria) every 10 years and influenza immunization annually. For more information on immunizations, please visit: <http://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-info/health-topics/immunizations/> or <http://www.immunizebc.ca/>

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