

SYSTEMATIC IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS AND VACCINATION STATUS REPORTING

Background

The District supports children being immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases while attending school in SD43.

As such, parents and/or guardians should have their children immunized to protect them against the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Procedure

The District works in partnership with Public Health to support the **Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation**. This new regulation (law) was put into place on July 1, 2019, and supports the gathering of immunization records by Public Health for all students (Kindergarten through grade 12) in all schools within the Province's jurisdiction, including those who are home-schooled. It does not apply to children attending schools in First Nations communities.

Immunizations are provided to students as per the BC Routine Immunization Schedule. In Grade 6 and 9 they are offered in the school setting. Each student will receive an information package and consent form provided by Public Health. At these times, immunization opportunities are provided to grade 7/8 students at Middle School and grade 10-12 students at Secondary School for those students who have not yet been immunized.

It is recommended that parents/guardians or representatives and their children talk about consent for immunization. Children in grade 9 who are able to understand the benefits and possible reactions for each vaccine and the risk of not getting immunized, can legally consent to or refuse immunizations. For more information on mature minor consent see [HealthLinkBC File # 119 The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization](#).

For more details and information visit: [immunizeBC's website for VSRR information](#) and [Fraser Health's VSRR information](#)

Reference: Section 65, 85, School Act

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