

## Your child is ready

### and up to date for kindergarten if:

- Your child received their kindergarten vaccines
- Your child received other missing routine vaccines they needed
- Your child's immunization record was given to their school (you will be asked in some areas of BC only)



## Questions?

You can call your local public health unit and ask to speak to a Public Health Nurse or speak to your primary health care provider.



## My notes

My school's Public Health Nurse:

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My public health unit and phone #:

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My family doctor's phone #:

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My questions:

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## Use our Public Health Unit Finder

Go to [www.immunizebc.ca/finder](http://www.immunizebc.ca/finder).

Type in your postal code to find the unit nearest to you!

At the public health unit you can book an immunization appointment for your child, or contact your school's Public Health Nurse.

## For more information

ImmunizeBC [www.immunizebc.ca](http://www.immunizebc.ca)

First Nations Health Authority [www.fnha.ca](http://www.fnha.ca)

Vancouver Coastal Health [www.vch.ca](http://www.vch.ca)

Fraser Health [www.fraserhealth.ca](http://www.fraserhealth.ca)

Island Health [www.viha.ca](http://www.viha.ca)

Northern Health [www.northernhealth.ca](http://www.northernhealth.ca)

Interior Health [www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca)



## Call HealthLinkBC

Free 24-hour health service: Dial 811

*A translator can help you if needed*



**Become an Immunization Booster!**

Sign up today at [IBoostImmunity.ca](http://IBoostImmunity.ca) and help spread the word about the importance of immunization.

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Code: kindy



# Is Your Child Starting Kindergarten?

ARE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATIONS UP TO DATE?



## READ AND LEARN ABOUT:

- Kindergarten vaccines starting at age 4
- Where to get immunized for kindergarten
- Why immunization records are important
- Who to call for questions



## Is your child up to date for school?

Vaccines are a healthy choice for your child. They provide immunity and prevent disease. Two vaccines are provided free for kindergarten-age children starting at age 4:

1. The DTaP-IPV vaccine to protect against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and polio
2. The MMRV vaccine to protect against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chickenpox)

You can find the complete BC childhood immunization schedule at [www.immunizebc.ca](http://www.immunizebc.ca)

## Public Health Nurses can...

- Provide your child's kindergarten vaccines
- Check your child's record for other missing routine vaccines
- Give missing routine vaccines to your child
- Answer your immunization questions

**You can get your child's kindergarten vaccines as early as the spring or summer before they start school.**



## Call to book your child's immunization appointment today!

- Contact your local public health unit to find out when clinics are offered in your community – see back page
- Contact your family doctor (in some areas of BC only)

## Common questions parents ask about child immunizations

### What happens if my child does not get all the routine vaccines?

If someone at school has a vaccine preventable disease, children who are unprotected may be asked to stay home until it is safe to return. They may miss school activities and days or even weeks of school.

### What if I don't have an immunization record for my child?

A child without a record, or proof of having had a disease, is considered unimmunized and unprotected. Ask the health care provider who gave your child their vaccines for the record.

**ALWAYS HAVE A CURRENT IMMUNIZATION RECORD** for your child. Here's when you may be asked for it:

- Kindergarten registration
- Elementary & secondary school
- School trips
- After school care
- Camps and outdoor schools
- College or university
- Some types of travel



### Why do I need to submit a copy of my child's immunization record to their school? (in some areas of BC only)

After the immunization record has been given to your school and reviewed by your school's Public Health Nurse, the information is entered into your child's electronic health record at your public health unit. All information is confidential. This ensures the right vaccines are recommended for your child in the future. School Medical Health Officers also need these records for decisions should someone have a vaccine preventable disease at your school.

### My child was immunized at the doctor's office. Why doesn't my local public health unit have that information? (in some areas of BC only)

At this time, doctors can't easily share records with public health. That's why it's important to keep a copy of your child's record, so that you can provide it when needed.

