

School Newsletter – Vaccine Status Reporting Regulation



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Having complete information about students' immunization status allows public health to recommend immunizations a child may be missing and improves the health authority's ability to respond during an outbreak.

The Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation (VSRR) supports health authorities to collect school-aged children's immunization records so that all records are stored in one place: the Provincial Immunization Registry.

If you are new to British Columbia or have received immunizations in travel clinics, pharmacies or physicians' offices, your child's records may be incomplete.

The Vaccine Status Reporting Regulation applies to all students in public and independent schools within the province's jurisdiction, including students who are home-schooled and international students. The regulation does not apply to children attending schools in First Nations communities.

Island Health public health staff will be mailing letters directly to households of students for whom immunization records are missing or incomplete. If your child's record is up to date, you will not be contacted.

If you receive a letter, please update the child's records directly through the online Provincial Immunization Record Registry, or by dropping of records at your local public health unit. Schools do not collect or retain any immunization records. **Do not submit immunization records to your child's school.**






If you have questions, please contact your local health unit.

Sincerely,

Immunization Program,

Population & Public Health, Island Health

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HEALTH GATEWAY 	<u>View Records at Health Gateway</u> https://healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/
Provincial Portal 	<u>Submit Historical Records</u> https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/immunizations/update-records
HEALTH UNIT 	<u>Find a Health Unit near you</u> https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/find-care/find-health-services
VSRR 	<u>Learn more about VSRR</u> https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-library/immunizations/children/vaccination-status-reporting-regulation
Tips to find historical records 	<u>New to BC? Tips on finding historical records</u> https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-library/immunizations/children/immunizations-children-new-bc#paragraph-5456