

Guide to Completing the Grade 9 Consent for School Immunization Form

To Grade 9 students & their parents, guardians or representatives:

It is recommended that parents, guardians or representatives and their children discuss consent for immunization together.

- Read and keep the
 - “Grade 9 Immunizations in BC” HealthLinkBC file
 - “The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization” HealthLinkBC file
 - “Grade 9 Catch-up Immunizations” resource
 - Other immunization information (if included)
- Review the name, address and any other personal information on the “Consent for School Immunization” form to make sure it is correct, and add any missing information.
- Read and complete the Parent / Guardian / Representative Section on the front of the form.
- Review the Immunization History on the back of the consent form. If the information in this section is not up to date and your child has received any vaccines outside of Interior Health Public Health, please give a copy of your child’s immunization record to your local health centre. A copy can be attached to the consent. Visit <https://immunizebc.ca/tips-locating-immunization-records> for tips to locate immunization records.

Completing the form:

- If your child has a serious medical condition or requires medication that affects their immune system, a different schedule and /or dose of certain vaccines may be required. Please check the appropriate box on the consent form and a public health nurse will contact you, if needed.
- Check the “Yes” box if you **DO** want your child to get the vaccine listed.
- Check the “No” box if you **DO NOT** want your child to get the vaccine listed.
- Sign and date the consent form even if you checked “No” and fill in all the information in this section.
- Return the signed consent form to the school **sealed** in the return envelope provided as soon as possible.

Consent for immunization is valid for 2 years, unless the parent /guardian /representative or the student cancels it. Refusals are reviewed regularly. Vaccines may be re-offered at that time or as part of a public health response.

Students will get a record after their immunizations. Please keep this record or enter the information in your mobile device using the CANImmunize app (for more information visit www.canimmunize.ca).

Mature Minor Consent

Parents, guardians or representatives should be aware that a grade 9 student can make an informed decision regarding immunization regardless of parental consent or refusal. This is referred to as “mature minor consent.” Grade 9 students will be informed about immunization and given the opportunity to consent to or refuse immunization. Please refer to “The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization” health file for more information.

If you have questions call your local health centre listed on the back of this form or visit www.immunizebc.ca

Local Public Health Centre Phone Numbers

IH Central		IH East		IH West	
Armstrong	250-546-4727	Castlegar	250-365-7711	100 Mile House	250-395-7676
Enderby	250-838-2450	Cranbrook	250-420-2207	Ashcroft	250-453-1940
Kelowna	250-469-7070 Ext 1330	Creston	250-428-3873	Barriere	250-672-5515
Keremeos	250-499-3029	Fernie	250-423-8288	Chase	250-679-1418
Lumby	250-547-2164	Grand Forks	250-443-3150	Clearwater	250-674-3141
Oliver	250-498-5080	Golden	250-344-3001	Kamloops	250-851-7300
Osoyoos	250-495-6433	Invermere	250-342-2360	Lillooet	250-256-1314
Penticton	250-770-3434	Kaslo	250-353-2291	Logan Lake	250-378-3400
Princeton	250-295-4442	Kimberley	250-427-2215	Merritt	250-378-3400
Revelstoke	250-814-2244	Midway	250-449-2887	Williams Lake	250-302-5000
Rutland	250-980-4825	Nakusp	250-265-3608		
Salmon Arm	250-833-4100	Nelson	250-505-7200		
Sicamous	250-836-4835	Salmo	250-357-9511		
Summerland	250-404-8050	Sparwood	250-425-2064		
Vernon	250-549-5721	Trail	250-364-6226		
West Kelowna	250-980-5150				