

August 31, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of Distributed Learning Students and Homeschooled Students,

Re: School-Age Immunizations and Other Public Health Services

We are writing to make you aware of the health services available to school-age children through Interior Health's (IH) Public Health.

School-Age Immunizations

Immunizations are the best protection against many serious vaccine-preventable diseases. BC students, kindergarten to grade 12, are eligible for publicly funded vaccines.

To find out if your child's immunization records are up to date, visit the Vaccination Status Indicator <https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator>, the ImmunizeBC website www.immunizebc.ca, or contact your local public health centre and speak to a public health nurse. Updating or submitting your student's immunization records can also be done online through the BC Provincial Immunization Registry at <https://www.immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca>.

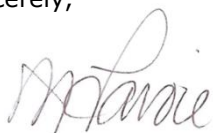
If your child is missing any immunizations, please contact your local Public Health Centre to book an appointment. If your child lives in the Interior Health region, you can find contact information on the back page. For more information, please visit <https://immunizebc.ca/school-age-children-teens>.

Other Public Health Services

Interior Health Public Health provides other school health services for children and their families. Visit <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/Pages/default.aspx> for more information or contact your local public health centre to speak to a public health nurse.

Thank you for helping to keep our children and communities healthy.

Sincerely,



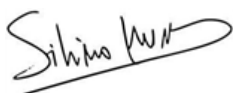
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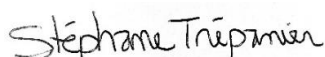
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Public Health Centres		
IH West	IH Central	IH East
100 Mile House250-395-7676	Armstrong250-546-4727	Castlegar250-365-7711
Ashcroft250-453-1940	Enderby250-838-2450	Cranbrook.....250-420-2207
Barriere250-672-5515	Kelowna250-868-7700	Creston250-428-3873
Chase250-679-1418	Keremeos250-499-3029	Fernie250-423-8288
Clearwater250-674-3141	Lumby250-547-2164	Golden250-344-3001
Kamloops250-851-7300	Oliver250-498-5080	Grand Forks250-443-3150
Lillooet250-256-1314	Osoyoos.....250-495-6433	Invermere250-342-2360
Logan Lake250-378-3400	Penticton250-770-3434	Kaslo250-353-2291
Merritt250-378-3400	Princeton.....250-295-4442	Kimberley250-427-2215
Williams Lake250-302-5000	Revelstoke250-814-2244	Midway250-440-2887
	Rutland250-980-4825	Nakusp250-265-3608
	Salmon Arm250-833-4100	Nelson250-505-7200
	Sicamous250-836-4835	Salmo250-357-9511
	Summerland250-404-8050	Sparwood250-425-2064
	Vernon250-549-5721	Trail250 364-6219
	West Kelowna.....250-980-5150	

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