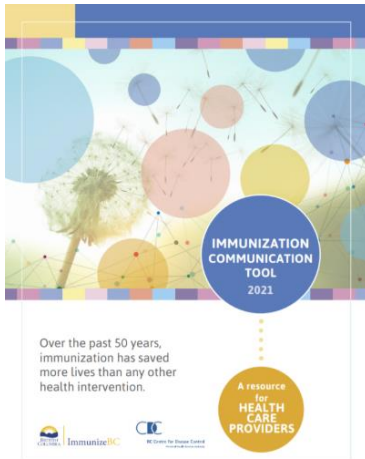


The Immunizer

A quarterly newsletter for community vaccine providers (CVP) in the Interior Health Region.

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Immunization Communication Tool

The [Immunization Communication Tool \(ICT\)](#) was developed to support health care providers with the information and tools needed to communicate effectively about vaccines and address vaccine hesitancy.

This resource provides key messages for the public, answering common questions about immunization and includes graphics and motivational interviewing examples.

If you would like to receive a physical copy (or copies) of the ICT for your site, you can either request these with your vaccine order or email IIProgram@interiorhealth.ca

Knowledge Booster

Applied Clinical Trials, a global, peer-reviewed journal, included a thought-provoking article in its October online edition titled: [Beyond the Comment Section: Rebuilding Trust in Vaccines Through Conversations](#). In this article, the author explains why discussions with patients should go deeper than data-centred dialogues; emphasizing trust, personal connections, and community engagement as a way to foster informed choices in public health.

New Mascot Needs a Name

We are working on a fresh new format of the Immunizer Newsletter for 2026, and thought we would add a fresh new face as well! Our friendly mascot needs a name, and we need your help!

Send in your name suggestions to IIProgram@interiorhealth.ca. Every name submission received (one per person) will be entered into a draw for one of two \$10 Timmies gift cards! We will announce our mascot's name and the draw-prize winners in the March 2026 issue!



Orders

Remember to check eligibility for all publicly funded vaccines before [ordering](#) and order only what is needed for a 30 day period. Currently this request is most important for orders of Pevnar 20® but also includes all vaccine products. Thank you for helping to reduce wastage!



Respiratory Virus Data



Interested in keeping tabs on how the respiratory season is shaping up in BC? The BCCDC Respiratory Virus Data tool includes surveillance dashboards and summary reports. Respiratory virus data are updated every week on Thursdays. Learn more about using the data tool [here](#).

BCCDC also has a [Seasonal respiratory illnesses](#) page where the public can learn about viral respiratory illnesses including flu, COVID-19 and RSV. Included is information on [Getting vaccinated](#), and a [Respiratory illness prevention toolkit](#).

Respiratory Vaccine Reporting

Reporting is required for all publicly funded respiratory vaccine products. Long-term Care and Assisted Living clinics report by facility using a personalized link which can be obtained from Vaccines@interiorhealth.ca. All other providers report online either through <https://redcap.link/2526CVPReporting> or via mobile device using the QR Code:



Returning Vaccine



Be sure to return expired or otherwise unusable publicly funded vaccine to your local health centre as soon as possible. Timely return through the IH system and to BCCDC is a vital part of the program. For any questions around returns or viability of product following a cold chain excursion, contact Vaccines@interiorhealth.ca

School Immunization

Grades 6 and 9 public health school immunization clinics may be starting or continuing in the new year in a community near you! Students may also present for their school vaccines at pharmacies and may also have questions from their health care providers. For more information, visit the [School-Age Children & Youth Immunization](#) page.

Vaccines for Adults Resource

The [Vaccines Recommended for Adults](#) resource has been updated and is now available on the BCCDC [Clinical Resource](#) page.

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