

The Immunizer

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

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Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis (RPEP)

It's RPEP season again! With increased opportunity for the public to be in contact with bats and other wildlife, it is important to know the resources available to ensure patients that present to emergency departments in IH receive appropriate RPEP treatment and hand-over to public health for continuation of rabies vaccine series.



The [Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis \(RPEP\) Toolkit](#) is now available on the InsideNet Clinical Care Resources for Emergency & Trauma Care. This toolkit is a one-stop shop for the information needed when providing RPEP. It includes the [RPEP Pre-Printed Order Set](#) and the [RPEP Reporting Form](#), which is completed and returned to public health for continuation of the rabies vaccine series.

How's your Tetanus?

Now is a good time to check your tetanus stock, to replace any that has expired and to ensure you have enough as we approach the summer months. Ordering is easy! Use the IH [Publicly Funded Vaccine Order Form](#).

Has your site considered keeping a stock of age-appropriate tetanus containing vaccine on hand if a child requires tetanus for wound management? We have developed a [chart](#) to help determine which tetanus containing product is most appropriate according to age. Keep in mind the only time a family may be willing to immunize is following their child's injury in the emergency department. Use the IH [Publicly Funded Vaccine Order Form](#) to order!





Perinatal & Newborn Hub

The [Perinatal & Newborn Health Hub](#) is the one-stop portal for perinatal and newborn health information resources, education, and alerts in BC. It is also a great resource for immunization for your perinatal and newborn patients!

- Perinatal Immunization care topics include: The [Immunization](#) and [HPV Immunization Series](#)
- Newborn Immunization care topics include: [Newborn: Hepatitis B Screening & Prophylaxis](#) and the [NICU Routine Screening & Immunization Checklist](#)



BC Immunization Manual

The [BC Immunization Manual](#) provides best practice guidelines to direct the provision of immunization services in BC (publicly funded). To ensure you are kept apprised on Immunization Manual updates, sign up for email notifications when updates have been made on the [Admin Circular 2020-2024](#) page.

The quarterly **IMMSFORMATION** newsletter was re-launched in January. The aim of this newsletter is to share information with immunization providers and to promote immunization resources and initiatives across BC. For the most recent issue and other immunization resources visit the [Immunization Program](#) page on the BCCDC website.

Vaccine Injury Support Program (VISP)



The Vaccine Injury Support Program was created to ensure all people in Canada who have experienced a serious and permanent injury as a result of receiving a Health Canada authorized vaccine, administered in Canada on or after December 8, 2020, have fair and timely access to financial support. Learn more about at the [VISP website](#).

Questions?

If you have a question, we are happy to help!

- Clinical Immunization Questions: ImmunizationProgram@interiorhealth.ca
- Biological Vaccine Product Questions: Vaccines@interiorhealth.ca

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