



Fall Edition

September 2026

Fall Respiratory Vaccines

COVID-19 and influenza vaccines are expected to be available for the 2026-2027 respiratory season, with shipments anticipated to begin arriving at Interior Health depots in late September.

Before ordering or administering vaccines, review the current BCCDC Immunization Manual, [Part 4: Biological Products](#), for updates related to influenza, COVID-19, and pneumococcal (Pneumovax 20™) vaccines.

- Influenza, COVID-19, and Pneumovax 20™ vaccines can be ordered through your local public health centre using the [CVP Vaccine Order Form](#).
- Community vaccine providers require a REDCap reporting link. Contact Vaccines@interiorhealth.ca to obtain one.
- Long term care and assisted living sites use REDCAP both for ordering and reporting. Contact Vaccines@interiorhealth.ca to obtain or confirm your site's individual link.

Before They Go

As travel season approaches, encourage your clients/patients to review their immunization status well ahead of departure. The [Interior Health Travel Immunization](#) page is a valuable resource for travel health resources.



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Why Immunization Records Matter

When administering vaccines, it is important to provide clients/patients with a record of the vaccine(s) they received. Providing individual-held documentation of immunization is supported by provincial immunization competencies and vaccine safety guidance as an important component of immunization practice. A personal immunization record helps people keep track of their immunizations and ensures they have documentation available when needed for school, employment, travel, or future healthcare visits.

Accurate immunization records support continuity of care. Not all vaccines administered in community or acute settings may be immediately visible in BC's Provincial Immunization Registry or Health Gateway. Providing an immunization record at the time of vaccination helps prevent missed or duplicated doses and allows people to share their immunization history with other health care providers, regardless of where previous vaccines were received.

Maintaining complete immunization records is important for public health. Up-to-date records help public health teams respond effectively during outbreaks, identify individuals who may be due or overdue for vaccines, and support the delivery of appropriate care and immunization recommendations.

Need immunization record cards?

Immunization record cards can be obtained through your local public health unit or downloaded and printed from the BCCDC Immunization Print Materials webpage. BCCDC provides childhood, adult, and wallet-sized immunization record cards for use in clinical settings.

Helpful Resources

- BCCDC [Immunization Print Materials](#)
- HealthLink BC: [Immunization Records](#)
- Interior Health: [Immunization Records](#)

Did You Know?

While electronic immunization records are the primary source of vaccine history in BC, a personal immunization record remains an important backup. It provides people with tangible proof of vaccination and may help confirm immunization history if records are unavailable, incomplete, or cannot be readily verified. This can be particularly important when vaccines are administered in settings where records may not be immediately visible in the Provincial Immunization Registry or when individuals receive care from multiple providers. Keeping a personal immunization record up to date helps ensure immunization histories can be verified when needed and supports informed immunization decisions throughout life.

Parental Disagreement & Informed Consent

BCCDC has posted a new Q&A resource on June 19: [Informed Consent and disagreement between parents/guardians who both have authority to consent to a child's immunization](#). This resource is linked from the Immunization Manual – [Appendix A: Informed Consent for Immunization](#) and the BCCDC [Immunization Clinical Resources](#) page under Recent updates & Q&As.

The Q&A clarifies that consent principles apply across all methods of obtaining consent. The most recent consent/dissent is followed unless a legal restriction is known and any voluntarily provided court documents outlining decision-making authority must then be followed. Immunizers are not required to seek or review court documents.

PracticePoint

Q: A client purchased a vaccine from a pharmacy or other vaccine provider. Can public health administer it?

A: Public health staff are not able to administer vaccines obtained from outside the Interior Health vaccine management system.

This is because vaccine storage conditions and monitoring cannot be verified, and product integrity cannot be assured.

Vaccines administered by public health must align with the BC Immunization Manual, including approved publicly funded products, indications, and schedules.

Clients may be referred back to the original provider for assessment and follow-up (e.g., administration, revaccination, or disposal).



RSV Vaccine Updates

75+ Adult RSV Vaccine Program

Starting in fall 2026, BC will launch a time-limited publicly funded RSV vaccination program for older adults. A focused rollout will begin in late September.

The publicly funded vaccine will be available as a one-dose series for:

- Adults 75 years of age and older
- Indigenous adults 60 years of age and older

Individuals who have previously received an RSV vaccine are not eligible for an additional publicly funded dose.

Provincial invitations are anticipated to begin September 22, 2026. And will be issued separately from influenza and COVID-19 vaccine invitations.

The Publicly Funded Biological Product Order Form has been updated and is available on the [IH Community Vaccine Providers](#) webpage. Submit completed order forms to your local public health office or vaccine depot.

Questions can be directed to IHProgram@interiorhealth.ca.

Infant RSV Program

The 2026-2027 BC Infant RSV Immunoprophylaxis Program begins September 1, 2026. [Eligible infants](#) should receive nirsevimab as early as possible in the season, as protection is immediate following administration.

Healthcare providers can refer eligible infants to Public Health using the provincial RSV Immunization Request [eForm](#) or [referral form](#). Public Health and the BC RSV Program will continue to identify and follow-up with eligible infants through established provincial processes. Visit the Perinatal Services BC [2026-2027 BC RSV Infant Immunoprophylaxis Program Season Start Information](#) page for additional details and resources.

New HPV Resource

A new provincial human papillomavirus (HPV) resource, [Protect your child from cancer with the HPV vaccine: Four things you need to know](#), is now available on the BCCDC website. Developed to support the Grade 6 immunization program, this resource provides evidence-based information on HPV, vaccine safety, effectiveness, and cancer prevention. It may be useful in a variety of clinical settings to support conversations with clients/patients and parents/caregivers and answer common questions about HPV vaccination.

Consider displaying the poster in waiting areas, sharing it with families, or using it to support discussions about HPV vaccination and cancer prevention.

Download the poster from the [BCCDC Immunization Print Materials](#) page.

Protect your child from cancer with the HPV vaccine
Four things you need to know

- 1. The HPV vaccine is cancer prevention**
The vaccine protects against HPV infections that can cause:
 - Cervical cancer
 - Mouth and throat cancer
 - Anal cancer
 - Vaginal and vulvar cancer
 - Penile cancerIt also protects against infections that cause most genital warts.
- 2. Don't wait to vaccinate**
The HPV vaccine is routinely offered in Grade 6. Here's why:
 - The vaccine works best when given before exposure to HPV.
 - Preteens respond especially well to the vaccine, helping to provide long-lasting protection against HPV.By getting your child vaccinated, you help protect them against cancers caused by HPV later in life.
- 3. The HPV vaccine is safe**
 - The HPV vaccine has been carefully monitored for safety for many years.
 - Hundreds of millions of doses have been given worldwide.
 - Safety monitoring continues to show that the vaccine is safe.
- 4. The HPV vaccine works!**
When given at a young age, the HPV vaccine is nearly 100% effective at preventing infection with the most common types of HPV that can cause cervical cancer, other cancers, and genital warts.

What is HPV?
HPV stands for human papillomavirus. It is a very common virus that spreads through intimate skin-to-skin contact. About 3 out of 4 unvaccinated sexually active people will get HPV at some point in their lives. There are many different types of HPV. Most HPV infections do not cause health problems and go away on their own. But some infections can lead to cancer or genital warts.



For translations and more information, visit:
healthlinkbc.ca/hpv
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Routine School Immunizations

As students return to school, healthcare providers may see children and youth who are due for routine school immunization or have questions about their vaccine schedules. Grade 6 students are routinely offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. Grade 9 students are routinely offered Tdap and meningococcal quadrivalent (Men-ACYW) vaccines. Students in both grades are also offered any missed vaccines as part of the IH catch-up immunization program.

If you will be providing vaccine to students, you can order vaccine using the Publicly Funded Vaccine Order Form ([print](#) or [fillable](#)).



BCCDC Grand Rounds

BCCDC hosts Public Health Rounds to promote new perspectives, introduce emerging or updated evidence, and foster discussion—at times including debate—on key public health issues.

BCCDC Grand Rounds are accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons Canada as continuing medical education (CME) activities and are available online.

To be added to the email distribution list for upcoming Grand Rounds, contact admininfo@bccdc.ca.

Recordings of previous Grand Rounds sessions can be found [here](#).

Webinar Spotlight

September 17, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

Shaping Vaccine Discourse online: How Vaccine Discourse Champions Set the Agenda.

Join the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) and Immunize Canada, in collaboration with the Bridge Research Consortium, for a webinar exploring how social media users shape vaccine conversations and what this means for public health communication.

Register for this webinar [here](#).

Reach Out!

If you have a question, we are happy to help! Contact IIPProgram@interiorhealth.ca

Additional resources for community vaccine providers can be found here: [Community Vaccine Providers | Immunization & Vaccines | IH](#)

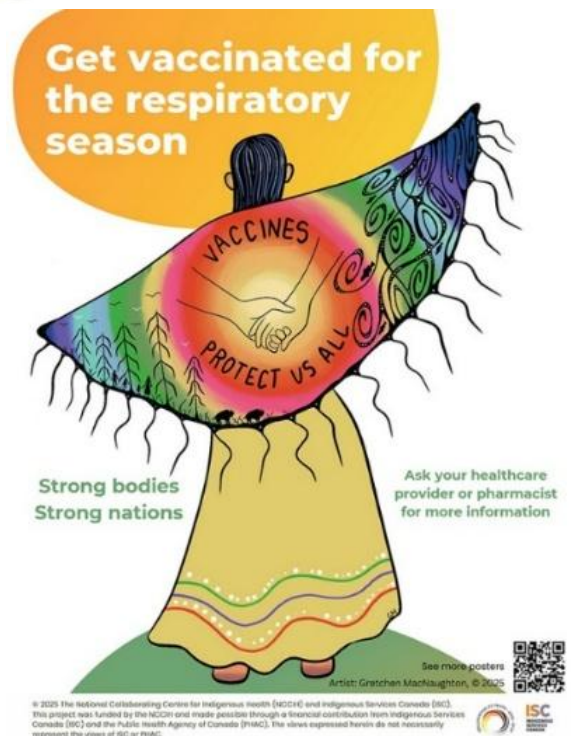
NCCIH



National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health

The [National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health \(NCCIH\)](#) advances First Nations, Inuit, and Métis public health and health equity through knowledge sharing and knowledge translation. Based at the University of Northern BC (UNBC) on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh in Prince George, BC, NCCIH's [Learning Gallery: Vaccinations](#) highlights Indigenous perspectives on childhood, adult, and prenatal immunization through artwork, poetry, music storytelling, and craft.

Public health awareness posters from the 2025 Communicable Disease Prevention Art Contest are available for download and use in clinical and community settings to support culturally relevant communication on communicable disease prevention.



VaxED Essentials

Core education & resources for confident immunization practice

BC Immunization Manual

The [BC Immunization Manual](#) (BCCDC CD Control Manual, Chapter 2) outlines best practices for delivering immunization services as the primary reference for publicly funded vaccines.

Resources

[HealthLinkBC Immunizations](#)

Vaccine information, schedules, aftercare, and vaccine-preventable diseases.

[BCCDC Immunization Clinical Resources](#)

Practical tools that supplement the BC Immunization Manual.

[BCCDC Immunization Communication Tool \(ICT\)](#)

Evidence-based guidance to support vaccine conversations and address hesitancy. Available online or in print (order via local Public Health or IIPProgram@interiorhealth.ca)

[BCCDC Immunization Print Materials](#)

Immunization record cards, brochures, and posters for clinical use.

Courses

[Influenza Immunization Competency Courses: Foundations of Influenza Disease & Vaccines & UPDATED Seasonal Influenza Update](#)

Foundations course provides core influenza immunization knowledge, while the Seasonal Update covers current vaccine products, eligibility, and program updates.

[COVID-19 Immunization Competency Course & COVID-19 Vaccines Webinar](#)

This training is available to support COVID-19 immunization practice, and the webinar provides current vaccine and program updates. **2026-2027 update is expected closer to October.**

[Immunization Competency Course](#)

Foundational training for safe, effective immunization practice aligned with BC competencies. Required in some settings for autonomous immunization practice.

[Immunization Communication Course](#)

Focuses on vaccine hesitancy, culturally safe care, and evidence-based communication strategies, including motivational interviewing.

[Vaccine Storage and Handling Course](#)

Provincial standards for proper vaccine storage, handling and management.

[Pearls for Immunization Practice](#)

Refresher for experienced immunizers, emphasizing application and key provincial resources.