

Grade 9 immunizations are starting soon at school

Public Health will send home an immunization consent package for Grade 9 students.

When students are in Grade 9, we review their immunization records and offer all routine vaccines they need for their age.

When you receive the consent package, please do all of the following:

- ✓ Review the consent package, which includes past immunizations.
- ✓ Check that your immunization history report is complete.
If it is not complete, you can submit the record one of these ways:
 - Include it with the signed consent form.
 - Submit it online to us at FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform.
- ✓ Talk with your parent or guardian about why vaccines are important.
- ✓ Complete and sign the consent form.
Please note – The consent is valid for 2 years unless you cancel it.
- ✓ Return the signed consent form, and updated immunization record if needed, to the school sealed in the envelope provided.



Your parent or guardian can consent for you or you can consent for yourself. When you consent for yourself, this is called a Mature Minor Consent.

The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization
healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization

Mature Minor Consent

Individuals under the age of 19 who are able to understand the benefits, common mild side effects, medical reasons to not receive a vaccine, and rare serious side effects for the vaccines, and the risk of not getting immunized, can legally consent to or refuse immunizations on their own. This means that you may decide whether or not to receive a vaccine. You are encouraged to review and discuss the information in this package with your parent or guardian. More information on mature minor consent can be found in the above *Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization* HealthLinkBC File #119.



For more information, please contact your local public health unit or visit our website at FraserHealth.ca/immunize.



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