

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Early in September, grade 6 students will bring home information and a consent form for the following vaccines:

Hepatitis B
Meningococcal C
Varicella (Chickenpox)
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) for girls only

Please read the information and consent carefully. Sign and return the consent to the school as soon as possible in the fall.

Hepatitis B is a serious disease that affects the liver. Meningitis is a serious disease that can affect the lining of the brain. Chickenpox can cause serious complications such as pneumonia or infection of the lungs, encephalitis or inflammation of the brain, and bacterial skin infections such as Group A Streptococcus or “flesh eating disease” which can be life-threatening. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine will be offered to students who have not had chickenpox vaccine or chickenpox disease after one year of age. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine protects against cancer of the cervix and will be offered to girls only.

For more information contact:

- ◆ Your local Health Unit
- ◆ HealthLinkBC (8-1-1) a free call
- ◆ HealthLink BC Files www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/httoc.stm
- ◆ Your doctor
- ◆ www.immunizebc.ca

Health Units:

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| ◆ Esquimalt | 250-360-5600 | Salt Spring Island | 250-538-4880 |
| ◆ Outer Gulf Islands | 250-539-3099 | Sooke | 250-642-5464 |
| ◆ Peninsula | 250-544-2400 | Victoria | 250-388-2200 |
| ◆ Saanich | 250-519-5100 | West Shore | 250-478-1757 |

GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Early in September, grade 9 students will bring home information and a consent form for the following vaccines:

Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) for girls only