

School Newsletter

## Immunizations for Grade 9 students are coming

When students are in Grade 9, we review their immunization records and offer all routine vaccines they need for their age. We will send home a consent package.

## When I receive the consent package, what do I do?

- ✓ Review the consent package, which includes past immunizations.
- ✓ Check that your immunization record is complete. If it is not complete, you can submit the missing record one of these ways:
  - Include it with the signed consent form, or
- ✓ Submit it online to us at FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform.
- ✓ Talk with your parent or caregiver about why vaccines are important.
- Complete and sign the consent form. Note: The consent is valid for 2 years from the date it is given unless you cancel it. It can be used for any vaccines the student missed.
- $\checkmark$  Return the signed consent form, and the missing immunization record if needed, to the school sealed in the envelope provided.

Your parent or caregiver can sign the consent form for you, or you can consent for yourself. When you consent for yourself, this is called a mature minor consent.

## Mature minor consent

A person under the age of 19 who can 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 Grade 9 students may decide whether to receive a vaccine. You are encouraged to review and discuss the information in this package with your parent or caregiver. More information

on mature minor consent can be found in the Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization HealthLinkBC File #119 through this QR code or link

healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization

All routine vaccines are free in British Columbia.

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

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