

May 3, 2021

Dear Superintendent, Principal and School Partners:

## Re: Immunizations for school-aged children

Fraser Health's Immunization Program for school-aged children will resume this year beginning with students in grades 7 and 10 who missed their immunizations during the 2019-2020 school year due to COVID-19. These appointments will be located at local public health units. Health unit staff will contact families to book these immunization appointments over the spring and summer.

The immunization programs for kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9 students from the 2020-2021 school year are currently under development.

We appreciate the support and understanding of our school partners. Further details will be provided once our plans are finalized.

No action is required by the school for school-based immunization clinics at this time, however your support in informing parents and school personnel of the following is appreciated:

- The Fraser Health Immunization Program for school-aged children will resume this year.
- To start, public health staff will contact families of students currently in grades 7 and 10 who missed their immunizations during the 2019-2020 school year, due to COVID-19.
- These students will be offered immunization appointments over the spring and summer.
- Immunization information for Kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9 students from the 2020-2021 school year will be provided at a future date.

We'll continue to keep you informed about upcoming clinics and our communications with families during the school year.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact the manager of your local public health unit.

Sincerely,

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