

Measles Catch Up for Students in Grades 10 to 12

All students in grades 10 to 12 who are who are unimmunized or under immunized for Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) will be receiving a call from the public health unit in the upcoming weeks. These students will be offered immunizations at a school-based immunization clinic over the next couple of months. We would encourage parents to review the health file information below with their child and involve their child in the decision to provide consent for immunization.

Parent(s), guardians or representatives will be encouraged to accompany students to the school based immunization clinic. Although a child may be immunized with the consent of a parent/guardian or representative, a student in grade 9 or older can make an informed decision regarding immunization regardless of parental consent or refusal. This is referred to as "mature minor consent."

Students who are up to date for Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) will receive a record of immunization by the end of this school year. These will be distributed from public health and delivered to the students at school. Please keep this record to provide to your child's school this fall.

First Nations children who receive health services in their communities, may be able to access immunization records and services at their Community Health Centers.

For more information:

- Refer to HealthLinkBC file # 14a "Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine" available at: https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/measles-mumps-rubella-vaccine
- Refer to HealthLinkBC file # 119 "The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization" available at: https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization.
- Contact the local Health Unit at 250-947-8242 to discuss further.