



District 69 Families:

Island Health will be sending COVID-19 immunization consent packages home in September for students born in 2009 and older as well as any family members born in 2009 and older. Follow the instructions inside the consent package and return the signed consent form to the school. District 69 families may attend **any** of the following three clinics.

School-based COVID-19 immunization clinics will be drop-in and held:

- September 13, 2021 from 2:00 to 5:00pm at Kwalikum Senior Secondary
- September 16, 2021 from 2:00 to 5:00pm at Ecole Ballenas Senior Secondary
- September 23, 2021 from 2:00 to 5:00pm at PASS-Woodwinds Alternate School

If your child is choosing to be vaccinated at school and already has a booked appointment for their COVID-19 vaccine, please cancel the scheduled appointment by calling 1-833-838-2323.

Please discuss the information in the consent package with your child and include them in the decision to provide consent for immunization. This is an opportunity for adolescents to start making decisions about their own health.

“Mature Minor Consent” is the consent a child gives to receive health care after the child has been assessed by a health care provider as having the necessary understanding to give the consent. In British Columbia, there is no set age when a child is considered capable to give consent. A child who is assessed by a health care provider as being capable to give consent is called a "Mature Minor". Mature Minors can make an informed decision about immunization regardless of their parent/guardian/representative decision to consent or refuse immunization.

For more information about **The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization** visit:
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>

For more information about **COVID-19 Vaccines** visit:
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/hlbc/files/documents/healthfiles/hfile124.pdf>

If you have any questions, call your local Public Health Unit or visit www.immunizebc.ca