

# The Immunizer

A quarterly newsletter for community vaccine providers (CVP) in the Interior Health Region.

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## Influenza Vaccine

[Influenza vaccine eligibility](#) has been expanded to include **anyone who wishes to reduce their risk of influenza**. Universal eligibility is provincially determined on a year-to-year basis.

Publicly funded [FLUZONE® High-Dose Quadrivalent](#) vaccine is only available for those for 65 years of age and older who live in long-term care, assisted living and First Nations communities.

[FLUAD® \(Trivalent\)](#) is only approved & publicly funded for those 65 years of age and older.

**NOTE:** Clients 65+ who have received a standard-dose of flu vaccine this season are **not** eligible for a second dose. Only children 6 months to  $\leq$  9 years are eligible for a second dose of vaccine if it is the first time they have had flu vaccine.

**ORDERING:** Use the [Provider Order Form for Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccine](#).

**NOTE:** Pharmacists will receive direct delivery via internal processes and do not need to order using this form.

### Flu Resources:

- [IHA Influenza \(Flu\) Vaccines](#)
- BCCDC Immunization Manual, [Part 4: Biological Products](#) > Influenza Vaccines
- [HealthLinkBC Files](#) > Quick Search: Influenza



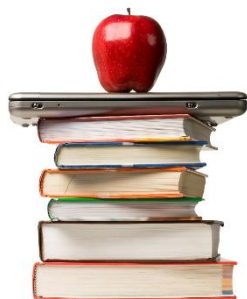
## Pneumovax®23 Eligibility

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (Pneumovax®23) is publicly funded for adults 65 years and older as a **one-time dose**. Booster doses provided as a **once-only** revaccination 5 years after the initial immunization are only available for those with specific health conditions. See BCCDC [Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine Biological Page](#) for details.

**ORDERING:** Use the [Publicly Funded Vaccine Order Form](#) to order Pneumococcal or other publicly funded vaccines.

## COVID-19 Vaccine

Pending Health Canada approval, information regarding bivalent COVID-19 vaccines will be shared at a later date.



## School Immunizations

If you have been asked to provide missed school immunizations, we've got your back!

The IH Website: [School-Age Children & Youth Immunization](#) > **How school-aged children are immunized** provides content included in the immunization consent packages that are sent home from school.

**ORDERING:** Use the [Publicly Funded Vaccine Order Form](#) to order school immunizations.

## Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (RPEP)

**Emergency Departments:** We're not out of the woods yet!

The resources/forms you need are available on the InsideNet [Clinical Decision Support Tools \(Emergency\)](#) page under Animal Contact.



## Age Appropriate Tetanus

**Emergency Departments:** Td is not the appropriate product to provide to children even though Td vaccine is approved for those 7 years of age and older. Age-appropriate tetanus toxoid containing vaccine should be used according to age and immunization history.

See [Age Appropriate Tetanus Containing Vaccines](#) for a quick table to help you determine which vaccine product to offer.

**ORDERING:** Use the [Publicly Funded Vaccine Order Form](#) for the product(s) requested and submit to your local health centre or email [Vaccines@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:Vaccines@interiorhealth.ca)

## Questions?

If you have a question, we are happy to help!

- Clinical Immunization Questions: [ImmunizationProgram@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:ImmunizationProgram@interiorhealth.ca)
- Biological Vaccine Product Questions: [Vaccines@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:Vaccines@interiorhealth.ca)

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