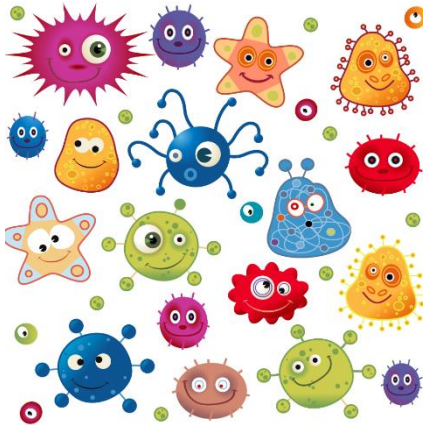


The Immunizer

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

September 2024

Fall Respiratory Illness Campaign



As many of you may be aware, Interior Health utilizes an allocation model for all Influenza vaccines. This means that products are automatically allocated to those providers who reported their uptake last season. We recommend providers contact their local public health centre to confirm their allocations.

Complete the Respiratory Illness Vaccine Order Form, [Printable](#) or [Fillable](#) version, and submit as soon as possible if you are:

- A new provider,
- Requesting an increase to your Influenza allocations, or
- Requiring COVID-19 products.

Reminder to those offering Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine, Pneumovax®23, a once-only revaccination should be offered 5 years after the initial immunization to those who have:

- Anatomic or functional asplenia
- Sickle cell disease
- Immunosuppression related to disease or therapy
- Congenital immunodeficiency states
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease including cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis B and C
- Solid organ or islet cell transplant
- HSCT recipients

See the BCCDC [Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine](#) biological page for more details.

RSV Vaccine

The public may have questions about getting the vaccine for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) this fall. Health Canada has approved two RSV vaccines (ABRYSVO™ and Arexvy) for adults 60 years and older. ABRYSVO™ has also been approved for use in pregnant people to prevent severe RSV disease in babies. At this time, RSV vaccine it is not publicly funded in BC, but is available for purchase from [select BC pharmacies](#).

Canada's National Advisory on Immunization (NACI) [July 12, 2024 Statement on the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus disease in older adults](#)



School Campaign

It's September and that means that school is back in session! Just a reminder that a school-aged student may present to a pharmacy or physician for school immunizations. Routine school-aged vaccines are the 2-dose series of HPV in Grade 6 and Tdap and Meningococcal Quadrivalent (A,C,Y,W-135) in Grade 9. Please be sure to order your required vaccines using the Publicly Funded Vaccine Order Form on our [IH Website](#), there is both a printable and fillable form available.



Reminder that once a student is vaccinated to report that immunization back to us by filling out the [Report of Immunization Form](#), also located on the IH Website.

Travel Immunizations

As the seasons change, many plan to travel to warmer destinations. It is important that people receive recommended and required vaccines with enough time in advance of their trip.

See the [Travel Immunizations](#) page on the IH Web for important resources that are helpful for travellers all year round.

Adverse Events Updates

An updated fillable and interactive [short form](#) is now available to more easily report adverse events following immunization.

New reportable events to be aware of: Local reaction (pain, redness, swelling extending from joint to joint), Myocarditis/Pericarditis, Kawasaki Disease, Thrombosis, Thromboembolism.

ED Physicians: You may soon start receiving a request letter for serum tryptase which accompanies patients sent to the emergency department for anaphylaxis following immunization. Although we need an ED physician to order the serum tryptase, the MHO will take responsibility for the follow-up of serum tryptase results.

Questions?

If you have a question we are happy to help!

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