

KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Immunization clinics for kindergarten-aged children are held at health units at various times throughout the year.

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio: Most children in kindergarten are due for a booster dose of this vaccine. This vaccine protects against all four diseases in one shot.

Hepatitis B: Children born on or after January 1, 2001 should have received a 3-dose series of hepatitis B vaccine. If your kindergarten child has not completed a series of hepatitis B vaccine, it is recommended they receive the vaccine in the kindergarten year.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR): Children should have received two doses of MMR vaccine by eighteen months of age. If your kindergarten child has not had both doses of MMR vaccine, it is recommended they receive the vaccine in the kindergarten year.

Meningococcal C: Children born on or after July 1, 2002, should have received 1 dose of Meningococcal C vaccine. One dose after one year of age and a reinforcing dose in Grade 6 provides protection against this type of meningitis.

Varicella (Chickenpox): Children who have not had chickenpox vaccine or disease after one year of age should be vaccinated against chickenpox in the kindergarten year. One dose provides protection against the disease.

All these vaccines are provided free of charge by the health unit or your doctor. To check your child's immunization status or **to make an appointment**, phone your local health unit.

For more information contact:

- ◆ Your local Health Unit
- ◆ HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (a free call) or www.healthlinkbc.ca
- ◆ Your doctor
- ◆ www.immunizebc.ca

Health Units:

Esquimalt	250-519-5311	Salt Spring Island	250-538-4880
Outer Gulf Islands	250-539-3099	Sooke	250-642-5464
Peninsula	250-544-2400	Victoria	250-388-2200
Saanich	250-519-5100	West Shore	250-519-3490