

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION

Background

In order to protect the health of the school population and to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases, the District encourages students entering school to have immunizations against the following communicable diseases.

Procedures

1. Immunization Against Communicable Diseases

1.1 Any child seeking admission to a District school must provide evidence from a licensed physician or an authorized health clinic (within forty-five (45) days of first day of attendance) of immunization against the following communicable diseases as recommended by the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority:

- Diphtheria
- Pertusis (Whooping Cough)
- Tetanus
- Poliomyelitis
- Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (HIB) - for children under sixty (60) months of age
- Rubella
- Measles
- Meningococcal Conjugate
- Mumps
- Hepatitis B (students born in 2001 and after)
- Varicella Zoster or History of Chicken Pox Disease

1.2 A child admitted to specified grades may remain in school without the required certification if a physician's written certification indicates that immunization would be detrimental to the child's health, or if the parent or guardian states in writing that they have moral convictions or religious beliefs opposed to immunization.

1.3 Children excepted may be excluded from school for the duration of a community outbreak of a communicable disease, at the discretion of the Medical Health Officer.

Legal Reference: *Sections 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act*
Child, Family and Community Service Act
Health Act
Inter-Ministry Child Abuse Handbook