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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: Requirements Under BC's New Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation

BC's new Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation came into effect on July 1, 2019. It supports the gathering of immunization records by Public Health. The regulation applies to all students in all schools within the Province's jurisdiction, including those who are home-schooled. It does not apply to children attending schools in First Nations communities.

In the coming months our staff will check the immunization records we have on file for **children in Kindergarten**. They will identify children whose records are missing or incomplete. Families of these children may be contacted.

Parents/guardians of children in **Grades 1 to 12** will need to check their child's records and are asked to provide us with any missing immunization information required under the regulation.

What do parents/ guardians need to do?

You can use the online Vaccination Status Indicator tool at <https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator> to check if your child's immunization record is missing or incomplete. The Indicator tells you if your child's immunization record is on file with public health but does not provide any details about their immunization status or history. Health authority public health units already have complete immunization information on file for most children.

If the Vaccine Status Indicator shows that your child's immunization records are **up-to-date**, then you **do not need to take further action**.

If the Vaccine Status Indicator shows that your child's immunization records are **pending, no action is required at this time**. These records are in the process of being inputted into the system and may take some time to be entered.

If the Vaccine Status Indicator shows that your child's immunization records are **incomplete**, this means either public health does not have your child's records or your child needs additional immunizations. If your child has been immunized by a health care provider outside of public health, you need to contact those providers and ask for a copy of your child's immunization record. **Please provide these records to your local public health unit.**

You can submit records in-person at a public health unit. You can also send a photo or type the record into an e-mail and submit it to reportimmunizations@fraserhealth.ca. Be sure the record you are submitting has your child's full name, date of birth, sex, and personal health number (PHN) if the PHN is available. Records can also be provided to a Community Health Nurse in a First Nations Community.

If your child needs additional immunizations, please call your family doctor, a pharmacist, or public health to book an appointment.

Visit www.fraserhealth.ca/getimmunized for a list of community vaccine providers.

To book an appointment with public health call:

- 604-702-4906 (residents of Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz and Hope)
- 604-476-7087 (residents in all other areas of Fraser Health)

Collecting immunization information allows us to connect with families about the importance of disease prevention. It also helps public health to control outbreaks by quickly identifying children who are not fully immunized and helps everyone get back to learning as soon as possible.

For more information, please visit <https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-reporting-regulation>

Thank you for helping to keep our children and communities healthy.

Sincerely,



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