



November 4, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

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

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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 school age children. They will identify children whose records are missing or incomplete. Families of these children may be contacted. They will be asked to provide us with the immunization information required under the regulation. We will also let families know where children can receive immunizations.

Our public health centres already have complete immunization information on file for most children. For this reason, most families will not be contacted or need to take any further action. If you are contacted, it may only mean that we need to update some information in our files. It may not mean that your child is missing immunizations.

You can use the online [Vaccination Status Indicator tool](#) to check if your child's immunization record is missing or incomplete. It 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.

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> or contact your local health centre to speak to a public health nurse.

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

Sincerely,

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Medical Health Officer

## LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE PHONE NUMBERS

### IH Central

Armstrong	250-546-4727	Oliver	250-498-5080	Rutland	250-980-4825
Enderby	250-838-2450	Osoyoos	250-495-6433	Salmon Arm	250-833-4100
Kelowna	250-469-7070 Ext 13301	Penticton	250-770-3434	Sicamous	250-836-4835
Keremeos	250-499-3029	Princeton	250-295-4442	Summerland	250-404-8050
Lumby	250-547-2164	Revelstoke	250-814-2244	Vernon	250-549-5721
				West Kelowna	250-980-5150

### IH West

100 Mile House	250-395-7676	Chase	250-679-1418	Lillooet	250-256-1314
Ashcroft	250-453-1940	Clearwater	250-674-3141	Logan Lake	250-378-3400
Barriere	250-672-5515	Kamloops	250-851-7300	Merritt	250-378-3400
				Williams Lake	250-302-5000

### IH East

Castlegar	250-365-7711	Golden	250-344-3001	Nakusp	250-265-3608
Cranbrook	250-420-2207	Invermere	250-342-2360	Nelson	250-505-7200 Ext 1
Creston	250-428-3873	Kaslo	250-353-2291	Salmo	250-357-9511
Fernie	250-423-8288	Kimberley	250-427-2215	Sparwood	250-425-2064
Grand Forks	250-443-3150	Midway	250-449-2887	Trail	250-364-6226