

Measles Catch up for Students in Grades 10 to 12

Attention Parents and Guardians:

Watch for immunization consent packages for students in grades 10 to 12 who are unimmunized or under immunized for Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR). Please discuss the information in the consent package and involve your child in the decision to provide consent to immunization.

Although a child may be immunized with the consent of a parent/guardian or representative, a student in grade 9 or older can make an informed decision regarding immunization regardless of parental consent or refusal. This is referred to as "mature minor consent."

Students who are up to date for Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) will receive a record of immunization. Please keep this record to provide to your child's school this fall.

First Nations children who receive health services in their communities, may be able to access immunization records and services at their Community Health Centers.

For more information:

- Refer to HealthLinkBC file # 14a "Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine" available at: https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/measles-mumps-rubella-vaccine
- Refer to HealthLinkBC file # 119 "The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization" available at: <u>https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization</u>.
- Contact the local Health Unit at 250-902-6071 to discuss further.