

## KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Child, Youth and Family Community Health offers immunization clinics throughout the year for Kindergarten aged children.

The following are the most common vaccines given to children at this age. Some children may be missing some vaccines and have not completed their childhood immunizations. Public Health Nurses or Family Physicians can ensure that your child is fully immunized against the following vaccine preventable diseases.

Vaccine	Vaccine Schedule
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (given in one poke)	Most children in kindergarten are due for this vaccine.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	<p>Most children in kindergarten are due for a <u>second</u> dose of this vaccine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Children who have had chickenpox disease or shingles when they were <u>over</u> one year of age do not need this vaccine.</li> <li>♦ Children who had chickenpox disease when they were <u>younger</u> than one year of age OR who have never had chickenpox disease should have already been given 1 dose of this vaccine and now need a second dose. If the second dose is necessary, it can be mixed with the measles mumps and rubella, so the child will be getting only one poke.</li> </ul>
Hepatitis B	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 3 doses of this vaccine.
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (given in one poke)	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 1 dose of this vaccine. Most children in kindergarten are due for a second dose or this vaccine. In kindergarten it can be mixed with chickenpox vaccine so children will be getting only one poke.
Meningococcal C	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 2 doses of this vaccine.

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

For more information:

- ♦ Your local Public Health Unit
- ♦ HealthLinkBC or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)
- ♦ HealthLink BC Files
- ♦ Your family doctor
- ♦ [www.immunizebc.ca](http://www.immunizebc.ca)