



## Grade 9 Immunizations

Watch for immunization consent packages for **grade 9** students that will be sent home in the next few weeks. Please discuss the information in the consent package and involve your child in the decision to provide consent to immunization. This should be used as an opportunity for adolescents to start making decisions about their own health.

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

For more information:

- Refer to HealthLinkBC file # 119 “The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization” available at: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>.
- A short video presentation on mature minor has been created for grade 9 students. It is available at: <https://vimeo.com/231149258> or by going to [www.viha.ca/health\\_info/immunization/](http://www.viha.ca/health_info/immunization/) → Additional resources → *View our video on grade nine immunization and mature minor consent.*
- Contact the local Health Unit at 250 519-3487 to discuss further.

Immunizations will be provided at the school for grade 9 students on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.