

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)

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This information is a supplement to [Pharmacists & Publicly Funded Vaccines in B.C.–General Information](#).

Pharmacist Access Criteria

Publicly funded Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine can be requested under the following circumstances:

- For eligible B.C. residents who present to a pharmacist,
- For eligible B.C. residents during an outbreak under the direction of the Medical Health Officer, and
- For household contacts in post exposure prophylaxis when recommended by the Medical Health Officer.

For patients who meet public health eligibility criteria, this publicly funded vaccination is available at no charge to the patient. PharmaCare will pay a \$10 fee to the pharmacy for administering this injection to a person aged 5 years and older (as per [College of Pharmacists of BC Standards, Limits and Conditions](#)).

Other B.C. residents may purchase MMR vaccine and may pay to have the vaccine administered by an authorized pharmacist. Vaccine costs, including administration supplies and services, are paid for by individuals out of pocket. Selected private drug plans may also cover vaccine costs.

Products

The publicly funded MMR vaccines available in B.C. are Priorix™ and MMR-II™.

For more information about each of the MMR vaccines, please refer to the specific product monographs in the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) Immunization Manual [Section VII – Biological Products](#).

Patient Eligibility

Current recommendations and patient eligibility criteria for publicly funded MMR vaccine are provided in the product monograph in the BCCDC Immunization Manual [Section VII – Biological Products](#).

Note: The eligibility criteria for publicly funded MMR vaccine in B.C. are established by the [BCCDC](#) and may differ from those of the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\)](#).

Individuals whose immune status may be suppressed as a result of disease or therapy should be referred to public health for vaccination. A written referral from an appropriate physician is required for administration of MMR vaccine. Refer to the BCCDC Immunization Manual [Section III-Immunization of Special Populations](#) for more information.