

## Pharmacist Access to Publicly Funded Vaccines

Authorized pharmacists may request the following publicly funded vaccines to administer to eligible BC residents. Please note that new/other vaccines not included in this table may be provided to pharmacies at the discretion of the health authority.

This document is intended to provide guidance on publicly funded vaccine **ordering procedures only**, for current information on **who is eligible for a specific publicly funded vaccine**, refer to the [BC Immunization Manual, Section VII, Biological Products](#). Some vaccines may require serology prior to administration.

**Note:** All publicly funded vaccines administered to those  $\leq 19$  years must be reported to the local health unit.

ROUTINE REQUESTS	CASE-BY-CASE REQUESTS				
Can be routinely requested for eligible B.C. residents	Can be requested for eligible B.C. residents under the situations indicated below				
		Supplement to School-Based Programs <sup>1</sup>	Post-exposure situations <sup>1</sup>	During an outbreak (Multiple Dose Request) <sup>1</sup>	Vaccination requested by client
Influenza (seasonal)	Hepatitis A <sup>2</sup>		✓	✓	✓
MMR	Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPV23)	HPV (Quadrivalent) <sup>2,3</sup>				✓
Td	HPV (Nonavalent) <sup>2,3</sup>	✓			✓
	MMRV		✓	✓	✓
	Meningococcal B Conjugate			✓	
	Meningococcal C Conjugate		✓	✓	✓
	Meningococcal Conjugate (Quadrivalent)	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Polio				✓
	Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13)				✓
	Tdap (and/or other pertussis-containing vaccines)	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Td/IPV				✓
	Varicella	✓	✓	✓	✓

<sup>1</sup> See criteria definitions on page 2.

<sup>2</sup> Pharmacies may place orders for these vaccines routinely (i.e., prior to a specific patient request) if they provide services to high-risk clients for whom the vaccine is recommended.

<sup>3</sup> All doses of publicly funded HPV vaccine administered to eligible clients must be reported to the local health unit in some Health Authorities. NOTE: HPV 9-valent vaccine is currently only publicly funded for girls in grade 6 (starting in the 2016/17 school year) and HIV + females 9-26 years of age. HPV 4-valent vaccine should be used for all other eligible individuals.

## Criteria Definitions

<p><b>SUPPLEMENT TO SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS</b></p>	<p>A pharmacy may request vaccines for an eligible patient who is unwilling/unable to participate in a school-based immunization program. These vaccines are routinely offered in grades 6 and 9. In general, individuals who missed being immunized on the routine schedule remain eligible for indicated vaccines and these should be offered at opportune encounters with an immunization service provider. In some instances, these vaccines will no longer be indicated beyond a certain age. In other instances, the individual remains eligible for the vaccine, however the recommended product may change depending on the individual’s age. See Section VII-Biological Products for vaccine eligibility and recommended product/schedule.</p>
<p><b>POST EXPOSURE</b></p>	<p>Local health units may provide these vaccines to a pharmacy on an as-needed basis when recommended by the Medical Health Officer for a specific post-exposure situation and when the pharmacist can administer the vaccine in the timeliest manner.</p>
<p><b>REQUESTS VACCINATION BY A PHARMACIST</b></p>	<p>A pharmacy may request vaccines for administration to a patient who requests vaccination services from a pharmacist. A pharmacy may place orders for these vaccines routinely (i.e., prior to a specific patient request) if they provide services to high-risk clients for whom these vaccines are recommended.</p>
<p><b>OUTBREAK CONTROL (MULTIPLE DOSE REQUEST)</b></p>	<p>Local health units may provide these vaccines to a pharmacy to assist in community-based vaccination under direction of the Medical Health Officer.</p>