



Last Name of Student		First Name of Student		Birthdate (YYYY / MM / DD)		Personal Health Number (PHN)	
School				Division		Teacher	
Name of Parent/Guardian				Relationship to Student			
Home Phone Number			Cell Phone Number			Work/Alternate Phone Number	

Children who have not been immunized against a disease are subject to exclusion from school in the event of an outbreak of that disease.

STUDENTS AGED 19 AND OLDER MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM ON THEIR OWN BEHALF

<input type="checkbox"/> I, the above-named parent/guardian of the above-named child, confirm that my child will NOT be immunized with the following vaccine(s):		OR <input type="checkbox"/> I, the above-named student, being age 19 or older, confirm that I will NOT be immunized with the following vaccine(s):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) <input type="checkbox"/> Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (MMRV) <input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal C Conjugate (Men-C-C) - <i>Grade 8 and younger only</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal Conjugate ACYW (Men-C-ACYW) - <i>Grade 9 and older only</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) <input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio (Tdap-IPV) <input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (chickenpox)			
Reasons for not vaccinating:			
Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student Aged 19 or Older		Date Signed (YYYY / MM / DD)	
<p style="text-align: right;">PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION </p>			

Please submit this form to your local Public Health Unit, which can be found at www.immunizebc.ca/finder

Dear Parent / Guardian / Student,

Children whose parent / guardian has indicated that their child will not be immunized will be re-offered vaccine at future encounters, including, as a minimum:

- When the child turns 10 years of age
- When the child turns 13 years of age

After the age of 13, children may be asked to consent to immunization on their own behalf, regardless of previous parent / guardian refusal. This is the law in British Columbia, known as 'Mature Minor Consent'.

The *Infants Act* explains the legal position of children under 19 years of age. One of the topics covered in the *Infants Act* is the health care of children, stating that children may consent to a medical treatment on their own behalf as long as the health care provider is sure that the treatment is in the child's best interest, and that the child understands the details of the treatment, including risks and benefits. It is up to the health care provider to assess and ensure the child's understanding of the treatment.

For more information on Mature Minor Consent, visit

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>

Risks of Not Being Immunized

Immunization programs have significantly reduced cases of vaccine preventable diseases in Canada. However, vaccine preventable diseases can appear at any time in your community because these diseases still circulate in Canada or elsewhere in the world. Your child can also be exposed to these infections during travel. These infections are serious and can be life-threatening.

Delaying or refusing vaccines for your child also puts others at risk of illness, especially infants who are too young to be fully immunized, people with weaker immune systems, such as people with cancer, and people with chronic health conditions such as heart or lung disease or diabetes. These members of our community rely for their protection on immunization of those who can be vaccinated.

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at your child's school, children who are unimmunized may be excluded from attendance at school.

If your child is sick and receives medical attention, inform the health care provider that your child is not fully immunized. This may guide diagnostic tests and precautions to avoid spread of infection to others in the health care setting.

Communities depend on high immunization rates to keep vaccine preventable diseases from spreading. Maintaining population immunity through immunization during childhood lowers the risk for everyone.

For more information, see:

<https://immunizebc.ca/>

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/services-and-resources/healthlinkbc-files>