

# Hepatitis A

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

## Pharmacist Access Criteria

Publicly funded Hepatitis A vaccine can be requested under the following circumstance(s):

- For eligible B.C. residents who present to the pharmacist,
- For eligible B.C. residents during an outbreak under the direction of the Medical Health Officer, and
- For household contacts in post exposure situations 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 Hepatitis A 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 Hepatitis A vaccines available in B.C. include Havrix<sup>®</sup> 1440, Havrix<sup>®</sup> 720 Junior, Vaqta<sup>®</sup>, Avaxim<sup>™</sup>, and Avaxim<sup>™</sup> Pediatric.

These products are considered interchangeable at any scheduled dose for children or adults, using the age-specific dosage for the particular product.

For specific information about all Hepatitis A vaccines, refer to each individual product monograph 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 hepatitis A vaccine are provided within the individual product monographs in the BCCDC Immunization Manual [Section VII – Biological Products](#).

Note: Only the first dose of the 2-dose series is publicly funded when Hepatitis A is administered during an outbreak

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