

Meningococcal C Conjugate

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

Pharmacist Access Criteria

Publicly funded Meningococcal C Conjugate can be requested under the following circumstances:

- For eligible B.C. residents during an outbreak under the direction of the Medical Health Officer,
- For household contacts in post exposure situations, and
- On a case by case basis as a supplement to the school based program.

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 Meningococcal C Conjugate 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 meningococcal C conjugate vaccines available in B.C. are Neis-Vac-C® and Meningitec®.

The publicly funded Meningococcal C Conjugate vaccine that is part of the provincial [school based program](#) in B.C. is Neis-vac-C®.

For specific information about all Meningococcal C conjugate 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 Meningococcal C conjugate vaccines are provided within the individual product monographs in the BCCDC Immunization Manual [Section VII – Biological Products](#).

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

Meningococcal C Conjugate – Adults and Others

Publicly funded Meningococcal C Conjugate vaccine is suitable for pharmacist administration to eligible B.C. residents during an outbreak under the direction of the Medical Health Officer and to household contacts in post exposure situations.

Meningococcal C Conjugate - School Based Program for Children

If a request comes in to the pharmacy to administer a Meningococcal C Conjugate vaccine to a person eligible to receive it as part of the school-based program, the pharmacist should contact the local health unit to review the case and arrange for vaccine product to be released if appropriate.

Special Considerations

Administration

Meningococcal C conjugate vaccines are interchangeable for those ≥ 12 months of age.

Documentation

Documentation of administration of meningococcal C conjugate vaccines is complex due to specific reporting requirements and spacing of doses. Please contact your [local health unit](#) for more information.

Reporting of administration of Meningococcal C Conjugate vaccine for Grade 6 students as part of the publicly funded [school based program](#) is recommended and encouraged.