

Pharmacist Access to Publicly Funded Vaccines

Authorized pharmacists may request the following publicly funded vaccines to administer to eligible B.C. 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, Part 4 - Biological Products](#). Some vaccines may require serology prior to administration.

All publicly funded vaccines administered to those ≤ 19 years must be reported to the local health unit as soon as reasonably possible.

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 ¹	Post-exposure situations ¹	During an outbreak (Multiple Dose Request) ¹	Vaccination requested by client ³
Influenza (seasonal)	Hepatitis A ²		✓	✓	✓
MMR	Hepatitis B ²	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPV23)	HPV (Nonavalent) ²	✓			✓
Td	MMRV		✓	✓	✓
	Meningococcal B Conjugate			✓	
	Meningococcal C Conjugate		✓	✓	✓
	Meningococcal Conjugate (Quadrivalent)	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Polio				✓
	Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13)				✓
	Tdap (and/or other pertussis-containing vaccines)	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Td/IPV				✓
	Varicella	✓	✓	✓	✓

¹ See criteria definitions on page 2.

² 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.

³As per BCCDC [Immunization Manual](#) eligibility criteria

Criteria Definitions

SUPPLEMENT TO SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS	<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 Part 4-Biological Products for vaccine eligibility and recommended product/schedule.</p>
POST EXPOSURE	<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>
REQUESTS VACCINATION BY A PHARMACIST	<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>
OUTBREAK CONTROL (MULTIPLE DOSE REQUEST)	<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>