



# SCHOOL-AGE VACCINATION



## What are school-age immunizations?

Every year, the Alberta Health Services Public Health Immunization Program reviews immunization records for children in grades 1,6, and 9 to see what vaccines are recommended for them.






## Why do students need to be vaccinated?

Vaccines help the body build immunity against preventable diseases. As children get older, the protection by childhood vaccines can wear off. School-age vaccines play a big role in stopping the spread of the diseases to other people.

## When should students be vaccinated?

Healthcare providers recommend several vaccines for students from 6 years to 15 years old. These vaccines prevent the spread of the diseases.

## Recommended School-age Vaccines

 <b>Disease</b>	 <b>Vaccine</b>	 <b>Grade 1 (6 years)</b>	 <b>Grade 6 (11-12 years)</b>	 <b>Grade 9 (14-15 years)</b>
Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B Vaccine		✓	If not received at Grade 6, students can take the hepatitis B in grade 9 if they missed in usual time.
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis	dTdap Vaccine			✓
Meningococcal disease	MenC-ACYW Vaccine			✓
Human papillomavirus disease	HPV-9 Vaccine		✓	
Any missing childhood vaccines *See the children immunization chart*	Any routine childhood vaccines that your child missed according to their immunization record	✓		

**Are these vaccines safe and effective?** All vaccines are safe and effective. Students may experience mild and temporary side effects and include redness, swelling, soreness at the injection site, fatigue, headache, fever, body aches, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, etc. Side effect symptoms can be managed by placing a cool, wet cloth on the injection site or by taking medications like ibuprofen or acetaminophen to deal with fever or pain.

**How can parents help?** Parents can help their children stay healthy by keeping them up to date on recommended immunizations.



**If you have any additional questions or want to schedule your vaccination, you can:**

- Call Health Link at 811
- Call AIMGA's Multilingual Health Hub for Newcomers Phone Line at 1-587-392-8062
- Contact your family physician or primary care network
- Visit [booking.aimga.ca](http://booking.aimga.ca) to book a patient navigator