

FAQ: Alberta's School-Based Vaccine Program

What parents should know about the vaccines offered in schools.

Which vaccines are given in school and during which grades?

| Grade | Vaccine name | Number of doses |
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| Grade 6 (11-12 years old) | Hepatitis B (HBV) Vaccine | 2 doses, 6 months apart in Grade 6 |
| | Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9) Vaccine | 2 doses over 6 months in Grade 6 |
| Grade 9 (13-15 years old) | Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis (dTdap) Vaccine | 1 dose in Grade 9 |
| | Meningococcal Conjugate A, C, Y, W-135 (MenC-ACYW) Vaccine | 1 dose in Grade 9 |

How does the school vaccine program work?

- The school will send you the dates for the vaccine appointment.
- Your child will bring you a form that you need to fill out and sign for each vaccine.
- You will need to provide information including any allergies and medical conditions.
- On the day of the vaccine, public health nurses will come to your child's school and set up a clean, safe room where they will provide the vaccine to students.

What should I do if my child has missed a vaccine at school?

- If your child missed the vaccine at school, contact their school nurse. If your child has moved to a later grade, call 8-1-1.

What did my child learn about vaccines in school?

- Students had a lesson on vaccines and how they work in your body.
- Students were taught how to be ready on the day of the vaccines.
- Students were allowed to ask questions during the lesson.

How will these vaccines affect my child?

- Each vaccine has different side effects.
- A nurse will monitor your child at school for 15 minutes after the vaccine.
- It is normal to feel some sickness after the vaccine.
- Your child could feel: fever, swelling, redness, or sore where they got the needle. You can help by putting a cold, wet cloth on the sore area.
- You can give your child medicine for fever and pain.

Where can I find more information about vaccines in school?

- Call your child's school office if you have any questions about the vaccine program.
- Visit this website to learn more about vaccines in school:
<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Topic/Immunization/Pages/school.aspx>