



VACCINE INFORMATION: TRUSTED WEBSITES

VACCINES

The following is a list of trusted sources where you can find immunization information for you and your children:

➤ **Immunize BC**

www.immunizebc.ca

ImmunizeBC is a one-stop-shop for trustworthy immunization information in BC.

➤ **BC Pediatric Society**

• Immunization

<http://www.bcpeds.ca/Families/showcontent.aspx?MenuID=1752>

➤ **Canadian Pediatric Society**

www.cps.ca

➤ **Public Health Agency of Canada**

www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/index-eng.php

EXTRA PROTECTION VACCINES

Additional vaccines for children that are available for a charge are called **non-publicly funded - or extra protection - vaccines**. These vaccines are considered at various times and in various situations.

For information on these vaccines, see the **Extra Protection Checklist** on the **ImmunizeBC [non-publicly funded vaccine webpage](#)**:

- **Hepatitis A:** an inflammation of the liver that can be serious and life-threatening (vaccine free for Aboriginal infants and children)
- **HPV (Human Papillomavirus):** can cause cervical cancer, genital warts, and male and female genital cancers (vaccine free for females born in 1994 or later)
- **Influenza:** much more severe than a common cold or upset stomach (vaccine free in BC only for infants and young children 6-59 months)
- **Meningitis:** can cause severe infection of the lining of the brain (meningitis) and infection of the blood (septicemia). Currently, only the vaccine for meningococcal type C is provided free for infants and in Grade 6.

NOTE: *Meningococcal group B causes most of the meningococcal disease in Canada. The high risk age groups for meningococcal B disease are healthy infants under 1 year, followed by toddlers 1-4 years and teenagers 15-19 years old. A NEW meningococcal B vaccine is now available as a non-publicly funded vaccine.*

- **Travel Risks:** diseases vary by location and include typhoid fever & travellers' diarrhea

