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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Immunization catch-up campaign for school age children**

In-school immunization of school age children in Vancouver has been suspended due the public health response required to control the COVID-19 pandemic. We now are gearing up to launch the COVID-19 vaccination campaign and thus we may not be back in schools for some time.

Immunizations against all vaccine preventable illnesses are important. To ensure that your children do not fall behind, we are partnering with local pharmacies to offer age specific immunizations to students currently enrolled in Kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9.

Your child can receive vaccines at one of Vancouver's local pharmacies listed at <http://www.vch.ca/public-health/communicable-diseases-immunizations/immunizations/school-age-immunization-campaign> or by searching [vch school age immunizations](#) in your internet browser.

Students will be offered vaccines for the following vaccines:

- Kindergarten: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (MMRV) and Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio (DPTP)
- Grade 6: Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine (HPV9)
- Grade 9: Meningococcal vaccine (MenACYW-135), and Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis booster (Tdap)

**Please help us update our records.** If your child has already received these or other vaccines, please email a photo of the immunization record to us at [mychildsimshistoryVC@vch.ca](mailto:mychildsimshistoryVC@vch.ca).

Please include the following information:

- Your child's full name, date of birth, and Care Card number, and
- Your address and phone number.

For more information about this campaign and to find other immunization locations close to you, please visit [www.vch.ca/school-age-immunization-campaign](http://www.vch.ca/school-age-immunization-campaign).

Sincerely,



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