

Public Health Services for School Age Children

Public Health staff includes public health nurses, dental hygienists, Nursing Support Services, community nutritionists, audiologists and others. We work with students, parents and school staff to promote the health of all students in schools. If you have any questions about the services listed below, contact the school or your local health unit.

Health Services

- ◆ Screens kindergarten students for hearing and vision problems. Kindergarten dental screening occurs every three years. Parents are contacted if their child needs further help with assessment or treatment.
- ◆ In conjunction with teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing, provides support for students with specialized hearing equipment.
- ◆ Consults about students who have health concerns, at the request of parents, students or school staff.
- ◆ Provides information about community health resources and services.

Public Health Phone Numbers

- ◆ Esquimalt 250.519.5311
- ◆ Gulf Islands 250.539.3099
- ◆ Peninsula 250.544.2400
- ◆ Saanich 250.519.5100
- ◆ Salt Spring 250.538.4880
- ◆ Sooke 250.519.3487
- ◆ Victoria 250.388.2200
- ◆ West Shore 250.519.3490

Immunization

- ◆ Offers kindergarten immunization clinics at health units. These vaccines are provided to eligible students:
 - ◆ Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus/Polio;
 - ◆ Measles/Mumps/Rubella/Varicella (Chickenpox).
- ◆ Immunizes grade 6 and 9 students at schools. These vaccines are provided to eligible students:
 - ◆ Hepatitis B; HPV and Varicella – grade 6;
 - ◆ Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis; Meningococcal – grade 9.

Complex Health Care Needs

- ◆ Develops health/dental care plans for eligible students with complex health care needs (i.e. diabetes, seizure disorder).
- ◆ Trains educational assistants to support the health/dental needs of these students while they are at school.

For more information:

- ◆ www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/children-youth/school-age-children-5-19-years-old