



Island Health – Student COVID-19 Immunization

A COVID-19 immunization consent package from Island Health will be coming home with your child for students in Gr 9-12. Instructions from Island Health include returning the signed consent form to the school on or before the day of immunization clinic at Stelly's Secondary: **September 16, 2021**.

If your child has previously received 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine in BC, no further action is required.

Students at Stelly's, who are interested in being vaccinated, will be offered COVID-19 vaccine at a school-based clinic. If your child is choosing to be vaccinated at school and already has a booked appointment for their COVID-19 vaccine, please cancel the previously scheduled appointment by calling 1-833-838-2323.

Please discuss the information in the consent package with your child and include them in the decision to provide consent for immunization. This is an opportunity for adolescents to start making decisions about their own health.

"Mature Minor Consent" is the consent a child gives to receive health care after the child has been assessed by a health care provider as having the necessary understanding to give the consent. In B.C. there is no set age when a child is considered capable to give consent. A child who is assessed by a health care provider as being capable to give consent is called a "Mature Minor". Mature Minors can make an informed decision about immunization regardless of their parent/guardian/representative decision to consent or refuse immunization.

For more information about **The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization** visit: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>

For more information about **COVID-19 Vaccines** visit: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/hlbc/files/documents/healthfiles/hfile124.pdf>

If you have any questions, call the Peninsula Health Unit at 250-544-2400 or visit www.immunizebc.ca