

# IMMUNIZATION WEEK

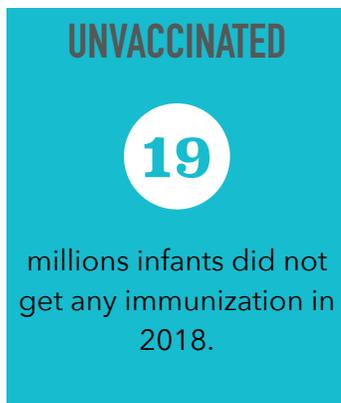
National Immunization Awareness Week 2020



## Protected together

Keep safe and carry on immunizing.

In the era of COVID-19, routine immunization can become challenging. Many family physicians offices are closed and access to hospitals is limited. We need to continue promoting vaccination to fight preventable diseases. However, we need to balance the risks associated with delays in immunization and the risk of pursuing routine vaccination with possible exposition to COVID-19.



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## Keep safe & Carry on immunizing

### Recommendations

- Maintain routine immunization for infants aged 2 months to 12 months.
- Maintain routine immunization for older children as much as possible.
- Preschool booster can be deferred if needed, since this is usually given between the ages of 4 and 6 years-old. There is time to catch-up.
- School-based series are currently not happening since schools are closed. It is difficult to reach all school-aged children. These vaccines can be deferred, schools will re-open.
- If the 18-month booster is delayed, it should ideally be given before children turn 2 years-old.
- Please talk with your health care provider or visit [immunizebc.ca](https://immunizebc.ca) if you have any questions.

## FAMILY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC AT BC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IS STILL OPEN!



You never heard of BC Children's Hospital Family Immunization Clinic?

It provides immunizations at no cost to patients at BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's, as well as their family. It currently operates through drop-in visits and pre-booked appointments with an immunization nurse or physician.

We recommend phoning ahead to book an appointment at 604-875-3000, because clinic operations have been modified due to COVID-19 restrictions at BCCH.

You can also email them at [FamilyImmunizationClinic@cw.bc.ca](mailto:FamilyImmunizationClinic@cw.bc.ca).

Click here to visit their website:

[Family Immunization Clinic](https://www.bcchildrens.ca/family-immunization-clinic)

## In order to minimize transmission of COVID-19 during immunization:

- **Screening** by phone before the appointment should be done to ensure the child or his family does not have any symptoms:
  - Fever
  - Difficulty breathing
  - Cough
  - Runny nose
  - Sore throat
  - Diarrhea or vomiting
- **Inform** of only one guardian can accompany the child to his appointment.
- **Encourage** hand hygiene.
- **Ensure** social distancing.
- **Read** BC Children's Hospital policies before your appointment : [COVID-19 Information for patient](#).



### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON VACCINATION !

Click here to enter the chance to win a prize from I Boost Immunity

[Immunization Quiz](#)

### EARN A VACCINE FOR SOMEONE IN NEED BY ANSWERING A QUIZ!

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