



Cystic Fibrosis Clinic
Ambulatory Care Building, Room K3-189

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Vaccines provide important protection and are an important part of ensuring the best health for your child. Make sure your child has had all of their recommended vaccines and that they are documented on his/her immunization record.

All routine vaccines are important for your child. However, because your child has cystic fibrosis (CF), it is recommended that he/she receive additional protection against bacteria called *Streptococcus pneumoniae* that can cause serious lung infection. This additional protection includes both pneumococcal conjugate and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccinations.

Your child can receive these vaccines at your local public health unit or from your family doctor. To find your nearest health unit, go to www.immunizebc.ca/finder and enter your postal code. When you call to make an appointment to have your child vaccinated, let the receptionist know that your child has CF.

Please bring this letter to the appointment so that your doctor or nurse can write down the vaccines your child has already had and provide any vaccines your child needs. These vaccines should be completed on schedule to ensure full protection.

If you have any questions about this information, please speak to a CF clinic team member.

All vaccines are important; please make sure your child is up to date for all vaccines by visiting your family doctor or public health nurse.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Chilvers
CF Clinic Director
BC Children's Hospital

Child's name: _____
 (Last Name) (First Name)

Date of birth: _____
 (yyyy/mm/dd)

Child's PHN: _____

After providing immunizations please fax the attached record to the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at 604-875-2349.

Vaccine ^A	Doses required	Date of 1 st dose	Date of 2 nd dose	Date of 3 rd dose	Date of 4 th Dose	Date of 5 th Dose	Series complete Yes/No
DTaP-HB-IPV-Hib <i>Infanrix hexa</i> [®]	3 doses	2 months	4 months	6 months			
DTaP-IPV-Hib <i>Infanrix</i> [®] -IPV/ <i>Hib</i> <i>Pediacel</i> [®]	1 dose				18 months		
Tdap-IPV <i>Adacel</i> [®] - <i>Polio</i> <i>Boostrix</i> [®] - <i>Polio</i>	1 dose					4-6 years	
Pneumococcal conjugate 13 <i>Prevnar</i> [®] 13	4 doses ^B	2 months	4 months	6 months	12 months		
Meningococcal C conjugate <i>Neisvac-c</i> [®]	2 doses	2 months	12 months				
Rotavirus <i>Rotarix</i> [®] <i>Rotateq</i> [®]	2 or 3 doses ^C	2 months	4 months	6 months ^C			
MMR <i>MMR II</i> [®] <i>Priorix</i> [®]	2 doses	12 months	4-6 years ^D				
Varicella <i>Varilrix</i> [®] <i>Varivax</i> [®] III	2 doses	12 months	4-6 years ^D				
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide ^E <i>Pneumovax</i> [®] 23	1 dose at least 8 weeks after last dose of PCV13	≥ 2 years					

* Annual influenza vaccine is recommended and provided free.

* Hepatitis A vaccine is recommended and provided free to Aboriginal children.

^A Abbreviations: D—Diphtheria, T—Tetanus, aP—Pertussis, HB—Hepatitis B, IPV—Polio, Hib—*Haemophilus influenzae* type B, MMR—measles, mumps and rubella

^B Children with CF under one year of age should be immunized according to the high risk schedule (@ 2, 4, 6, and 12 months).

^C If any dose in the series is RotaTeq[®] or the product is unknown, a total of 3 doses of vaccine should be administered.

^D Second dose of MMR and Varicella may be given as MMRV.

^E Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine is not part of the routine childhood schedule but is recommended for CF patients.