

Vaccines Recommended for Adults in BC

Online Quick Reference Guide For Health Care Providers

For additional information on vaccine eligibility, dosing, schedules, etc. go to:

[BC Immunization Manual, Part 4: Biological Products \(Vaccines and Immune Globulins\)](#)

- For [Individuals at High Risk for Vaccine Preventable Disease](#) refer to: [BC Immunization Manual, Part 2: Immunization of Special Populations](#)

This quick reference guide does not provide information specific to travel vaccines. For information on travel vaccines refer to a travel health professional or a [travel clinic](#) in your area.

Vaccine Click on the vaccine to go to the BC Immunization Manual, Part 4: Biological Products. Then select the specific vaccine.	Recommended and available for free:	Recommended and available at cost^{1,2}:	Available at cost²:
Hepatitis A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults with medical or lifestyle risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelers to destinations where the risk of hepatitis A is high (consult a travel clinic). • Adults with occupational risks and food handlers (the cost of the vaccine may be covered by your client's employer). • Adults with lifestyle or other risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults who want protection.
Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults born in 1980 or later. • Adults with medical, occupational, lifestyle or other risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults living in communities or traveling to destinations where the risk of hepatitis B is high (consult a travel clinic). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults who want protection.
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (Gardasil®9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women 18 years of age. • Women who have commenced a series prior to age 19 may be completed with publicly funded HPV vaccine prior to the 26th birthday. • Men ≤ 26 years of age with lifestyle or other risks. • HIV positive individuals ≤ 26 years of age. • Transgender individuals ≤ 26 years of age. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women ≤ 45 years of age. • Men ≤ 26 years of age. • Men 27 years of age and older who have sex with men. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women 46 years of age and older. • Men 27 years of age and older.
Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults ≥ 65 years of age. • Those with medical risks and other eligible individuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults who want protection. 	
Measles/Mumps/Rubella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults born in 1970 or later. 		

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<u>Meningococcal C Conjugate</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults born before 2002 who are 24 years of age and under who did not receive a dose of the vaccine on or after their 10th birthday. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults with occupational risks (the cost of the vaccine may be covered by your client's employer). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection.
<u>Meningococcal Quadrivalent Conjugate</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who are medically high risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults with occupational risks (the cost of the vaccine may be covered by your client's employer). Travelers to destinations where the risk of meningococcal disease is high (consult a travel clinic). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection.
<u>Pertussis</u> (See Diphtheria & tetanus-containing vaccines) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who have never been immunized against pertussis or whose immunization history is unknown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who have not received the vaccine as adults. Pregnant persons in every pregnancy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection especially those who will have contact with expectant mothers or newborns.
<u>Pneumococcal Conjugate</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some adults who are medically high risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who are medically high risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection.
<u>Pneumococcal Polysaccharide</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults ≥ 65 years of age. Adults with medical or lifestyle risks. Adults living in residential care or assisted living facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who smoke. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults who want protection.
<u>Polio</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults at increased risk of exposure to polio due to occupation or travel. 		
<u>Tetanus, Diphtheria</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults, every 10 years. 		
<u>Varicella (Chickenpox)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susceptible individuals. 		
<u>Zoster (Shingles)</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults ≥ 50 years of age. 	

¹ Vaccines in this column are recommended by Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) but not publicly funded in BC.

² Some vaccines in this column may be covered by certain medical benefit programs.

All vaccines listed in the table above are available in BC. Public health programs provide vaccines based on age, gender, health, occupation, medical or lifestyle risks. Some vaccines may be covered by certain medical benefit programs or provided free in response to disease outbreaks. Adults who are not eligible for publicly funded vaccines may purchase any of the vaccines listed in the table at most pharmacies and travel clinics. Individuals who missed an immunization as per the routine schedule may remain eligible for certain vaccines and these should be offered at opportune encounters with an immunization service provider. In some instances, certain vaccines may no longer be indicated beyond a certain age. Refer to the [BC Immunization Manual, Part 4: Biological Products](#) for more information.