

March 5, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Immunization catch-up campaign for school age children

In-school immunization of school age children has been suspended due to the public health response required to control the COVID-19 pandemic.

Immunizations against all vaccine preventable illnesses are important. To ensure that your children do not fall behind, we are partnering with local pharmacies to offer age specific immunizations to students currently enrolled in Grade 6.

Your child can receive vaccines on the Sunshine Coast at London Drugs, Sechelt Pharmacy, Shoppers Drug Mart and Suncoast Guardian Pharmacy. Grade 6 students will be offered the [Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine](#) (HPV9). This vaccine is a two dose series with 6 months between each dose. Please bring your child's immunization record to the appointment, so the pharmacist can ensure your child has not yet received the HPV vaccine.

To book your appointment please call one of the pharmacies listed below:

London Drugs 900 Gibsons Way, Gibsons 604-886-5710 By appointment

Sechelt Pharmacy 5648 Dolphin St, Sechelt 604-740-8111 By appointment or walk in

Shoppers Drug Mart Unit 314 5500 Sunshine Coast Hwy, Sechelt 604-740-0052 By appointment or walk in

Suncoast Guardian Pharmacy 103-5531 Inlet Ave, Sechelt 604-885-2899 By appointment

For more information about this campaign and to find other immunization locations close to you, please visit www.vch.ca/school-age-immunization-campaign.

Sincerely,



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