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School Administrators, school staff, parents, caregivers, and students,

The South Zone Public Health team would like to thank you for your support of the 2022/2023 school immunization program. We appreciate your ability to support clinics in the school environment.

This school year, immunizations were offered to Grade 6 and 9 students to assist in bringing students up to date with their routine school immunizations, and to decrease the risk of vaccine preventable diseases. Students who received immunizations this year, with parent or caregiver provided consent, received a "Care After Immunization" sheet with the type of vaccine and date given noted.

- If the immunization series was not completed this school year, the school nurse will attempt to complete the immunizations during the next school year (2023/2024). A letter will be provided to invite eligible students to a community health office for an immunization appointment.

**For students who have not participated in the in-school grade 6 and 9 immunization program this year, the following options are available:**

- Book an appointment by calling your local Community Health Centre.
- Your child *may* bring home a letter from school, on behalf of the School Public Health Nurse, indicating which immunization(s) are needed and the date immunizations are due.
- If you do not receive a letter from the School Public Health Nurse and want to check if your child is due for immunizations, please contact your local Community Health Centre to speak with a Public Health Nurse.
- For more information on immunization and the routine childhood immunization schedule, please visit [www.immunizealberta.ca](http://www.immunizealberta.ca)

In-school routine (non-COVID) immunizations will be offered in the next school year (2023/2024) for grade 6 and 9 students, as well as additional opportunities for eligible students in other non-target grades. Consent forms will be sent home with eligible students in the fall.

Children who are home-schooled or online learners are eligible for immunization in grade 6 and 9 beginning September 1 each year. Information will be mailed to your home, or you may call your local Community Health Centre to talk with a nurse and to book an appointment.

Students in grade 1 and 2 may also be due for a preschool booster or primary immunization series of Tetanus-containing vaccine and Measles/Mumps/Rubella and Varicella-chicken pox vaccines if they were not already updated at 4-5 years of age.

To obtain a copy of your child's immunization record, please sign on to "MyHealth Records" at [myhealthrecords.ca](http://myhealthrecords.ca). For more information, or to book an appointment, go to [Find Healthcare - Search \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](http://FindHealthcare-Search.albertahealthservices.ca), (select Search by Facility Name, then scroll to locate the name of your community's Health Centre) or call the South Zone call centre at 1-888-635-0318.

Thank you and have a great summer!

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