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Prevention and Promotion – Public Health Nursing
Interior Health
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Sent via email:

In response to the increase of measles cases across North America, Interior Health is expanding opportunities for unimmunized and under-immunized individuals to receive vaccinations.

Interior Health is offering access to measles vaccines through child wellness fairs, health centres and at select elementary schools.

- Schools in Central Okanagan (West Kelowna, Kelowna, Rutland, and Lake Country) that will have on-site measles immunizations available for kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 students have been prioritized based on the number of children at the school who are not up to date with measles immunizations. **See Appendix A for list of identified schools.**
 - After-hours school-based clinics will be coordinated with individual schools. Dates to be determined and additional communication will be sent to the prioritized schools and parents.
 - These school-based clinics will occur after school hours, starting at 2:30 p.m., on a drop-in basis, and with the child's parent/guardian present.

For students who do not attend one of the schools with an on-site immunization clinic, or for families who prefer to have your child not receive service at school, additional evening clinics will be available at all Central Okanagan health clinics. Appointments will be available to grade 1 and 2 eligible students at kindergarten health fairs. **Please call your local health clinic to book. See Appendix A for local health clinic phone numbers.**

To prioritize increased access to measles immunization during this time, Interior Health in the Central Okanagan **will not be providing further grade 6 immunizations in the school setting** this school year.

Information about who needs to be immunized against measles and how to get immunized can be found at [InteriorHealth.ca/Measles](https://interiorhealth.ca/measles).

To complete any immunization catch-up, clients can book an appointment at their local health centre. Additionally, for students in need of a second dose of HPV vaccine a community pharmacy may be an option. Community pharmacies with HPV vaccine available can be found at <https://www.bcpharmacy.ca/pharmacy-services/HPV-vaccines>

Appendix A: Additional Information

Elementary Schools prioritized for after-school on-site immunization clinics for children in kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2.

School	Clinic Date	School	Clinic Date
A.S.Matheson	June 9	Davidson Road Elementary	May 29
Bankhead Elementary	May 22	Shannon Lake Elementary	May 20
Black Mountain Elementary	May 20	South Rutland Elementary	TBD
Casorso Elementary	May 28	Springvalley Elementary	May 9
Chief Tomat Elementary	June 2	Watson Road Elementary	June 4

Local Health Clinic Information and appointment dates

Health Centre	Address	Phone Number	Evening Clinic Dates 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Kindergarten wellness clinic (open to grade 1 & 2)
Kelowna Community Health Services Centre	505 Doyle Ave.	250-469-7070	May 15 June 5	May 29 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
West Kelowna Health Centre	160-2300 Carrington Rd.	250-980-4825	May 21 June 4 June 18	
Rutland Health Centre	102-285 Aurora Cres	250- 980-5150	May 14 May 28 June 11	June 18 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm at Pearson Family Hub

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