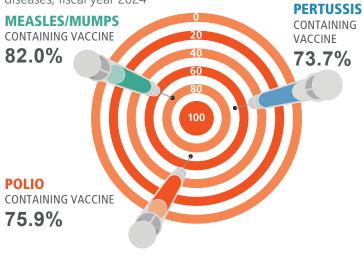
#### COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION PROFILE

### **NEW WESTMINSTER**



#### ARE CHILDREN IN YOUR COMMUNITY ADEQUATELY PROTECTED?

Percent of 2-year olds in New Westminster immunized against specific diseases, fiscal year 2024<sup>1</sup>\*



#### **UP-TO-DATE 2-YEAR OLD IMMUNIZATION RATES** <sup>1</sup>

↑ ABOVE AVERAGE ↓ BELOW AVERAGE

FISCAL YEAR*	NEW WESTMINSTER	FRASER HEALTH
2024	68.5%	70.8%
2019-2023	71.2%	71.6%
5 year average		

## IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE RATES AMONG SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN 2024/25 school year<sup>2</sup>

↑ ABOVE AVERAGE ↓ BELOW AVERAGE

	DISEASE	NEW WESTMINSTER	FRASER HEALTH
GRADE 6	HPV	75.0%	65.7%
GRADE 9	PERTUSSIS	73.3%	71.3%
	TETANUS/DIPTHERIA	73.4%	71.6%
	MENINGOCOCCAL	74.6%	73.0%
	HPV	71.1%	70.9%

Grade 6 and 9 students are offered HPV (Gr 6), Meningococcal (Gr 9), Tdap (Gr 9), and all other missing vaccines. During 2024-25 school year, HPV still followed a 2-dose schedule for immunocompetent individuals aged 9 to 20. In the 2-year old and school-age children coverage tables above, green indicates community coverage is above the Fraser Health average and orange indicates community coverage is below the Fraser Health Average.

### MOST KIDS BEGIN THEIR IMMUNIZATIONS BUT FALL BEHIND SCHEDULE

94% OF 2 YEAR OLDS in Fraser Health receive at least some immunizations<sup>3</sup>. With each scheduled visit, the number of children receiving their vaccines on time decreases. By 18 months of age, only 48% of Fraser Health children get their vaccines on time, leaving most children under-protected against many diseases<sup>3</sup>.

CON TIME receipt of vaccine

ON TIME receipt of vaccine



### **HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS INFECTION (HPV)**BC Target: 90% of youth immunized for HPV by 2026<sup>4</sup>

719/ Grade 9 Up-To-Date on HPV<sup>2</sup> The HPV vaccine protects against HPV infections that can cause various types of cancer<sup>5</sup>. The vaccine works best when given at a young age<sup>5</sup>. In British Columbia, it is offered and provided for free to students in Grade 6 and older.

### **IMMUNIZATION RECORDS**

**65%** School-age children with complete immunization records<sup>2</sup>

Having complete immunization records helps public health control the spread of diseases that vaccines can prevent.

# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT IMMUNIZATIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



**Talk to your friends and family** about the importance of staying up-to-date on immunizations.



**Check if your family's immunizations are up-to-date**by reviewing your records
on Health Gateway.



If you were already immunized, but the vaccine is missing from your record on Health Gateway, submit the missing record to Fraser Health Public Health.



**Book an appointment** to get any other immunizations that you have missed.

For more information, go to **fraserhealth.ca/immunizations** or call your local public health unit.



#### **DATA SOURCES**

- Panorama Immunization Coverage by Age 2 year olds report (FY2024)
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- 3. Paris Fraser Health immunization data (2020/2021 birth cohort)
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- \*Refers to the fiscal year (FY) beginning on April 1, 2024 and ending on March 31, 2025 Prepared by: Fraser Health Population Health Observatory

