



Child, Youth and Family Community Health

Healthy Schools Program

Child, Youth and Family Community Health staff includes public health nurses, dental hygienists, Nursing Support Services, community nutritionists, audiologists and others. We work with students, parents and school staff to promote the health of all students in schools. If you have any questions about the services listed below, contact the school or your local health unit.

What is a “Healthy School”?

Healthy Schools

- ◆ Assists schools to put into action programs that support health and help to create healthy school environments.

Health Services

- ◆ Screens kindergarten students for hearing and vision problems. Kindergarten dental screening occurs every three years. Parents are contacted if their child needs further help with assessment or treatment.
- ◆ In conjunction with teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing, provides support for students with specialized hearing equipment.
- ◆ Consults about students who have health concerns, at the request of parents, students or school staff.
- ◆ Provides information about community health resources and services.

Child, Youth and Family Community Health Phone Numbers

Saanich	250-519-5100	Esquimalt	250-519-5311
Victoria	250-388-2200	Salt Spring	250-538-4880
Peninsula	250-544-2400	Gulf Islands	250-539-3099
West Shore	250-519-3490	Sooke	250-642-5464

Immunization

- ◆ Offers kindergarten immunization clinics at health units. These vaccines are provided to eligible students:
 - ◆ Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus/Polio;
 - ◆ Measles/Mumps/Rubella/Varicella (Chickenpox).
- ◆ Immunizes grade 6 and 9 students at schools. These vaccines are provided to eligible students:
 - ◆ Meningococcal C; Hepatitis B; HPV and Varicella – grade 6;
 - ◆ Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis; HPV – grade 9.

Complex Health Care Needs

- ◆ Develops health/dental care plans for eligible students with complex health care needs (i.e. diabetes, seizure disorder).
- ◆ Trains educational assistants to support the health/dental needs of these students while they are at school.

Healthy Schools Websites

- ◆ www.viha.ca/children/school_years/healthy_schools
- ◆ www.healthyschoolsbc.ca