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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Re: Two-dose Chickenpox (Varicella) Vaccine Program

BC has moved to a two-dose chickenpox vaccine series for children and youth. Two doses of chickenpox vaccine provide 88-98% protection against disease and its complications.

Most Grade 9 students will have received one dose of chickenpox vaccine in kindergarten and can now get a free second dose.

If your child has had any of the following after one year of age they do **NOT** need this vaccine:

- two doses of chickenpox vaccine **or**
- chickenpox disease **or**
- shingles

To book an appointment for the second dose of chickenpox vaccine, please contact your local health unit.

To find out more about chickenpox vaccine and chickenpox disease:

- Talk to your local public health nurse or family doctor or
- Visit www.healthlinkbc.ca > Services and Resources> HealthLinkBC Files or <http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/servicesresources/healthlinkbcfiles/> or
- Visit www.immunizebc.ca

Promotion and Prevention Services

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