



**School District 19**  
(Revelstoke)

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Interior Health staff will be setting up on the school grounds at each of our school sites in the coming weeks to provide access to vaccinations for eligible students 12 years and older, teachers and staff. Please see the attached letter for the schedule.

Our staff will not be specifically initiating or organizing classes or students attendance; however, schedules will be adjusted for eligible students, at their request, during the hours Interior Health is on-site. Principals will support and coordinate as needed.

If you have questions about the importance of being vaccinated, please talk to your health care professional.

We will keep washing, cleaning, wearing masks, distancing where possible, and staying home when you're sick.

Thanks to you, your children, and our staff, we have had a high energy start to our school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [mhooker@sd19.bc.ca](mailto:mhooker@sd19.bc.ca) with ideas, questions, or concerns.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Hooker', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mike Hooker  
Superintendent of Schools

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Interior Health is working closely with School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) to ensure the safety and health of students and staff. We are working to ensure measures are in place to support a safe return to class this fall, including access to COVID-19 vaccine for eligible students 12 years and older, teachers, and staff.

**A COVID-19 vaccine clinic is scheduled for:**

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| <b>RSS</b> | <b>September 21</b> | <b>BVE</b>     | <b>September 22</b> |
| <b>CPE</b> | <b>September 28</b> | <b>AHE/EDG</b> | <b>September 29</b> |

**These clinics will be held outside the school under pop-up tents and will be open from 8:30 to 11:30 on a drop-in basis – no appointments.**

Clinics are open to eligible students, staff and school community family members for first or second vaccine doses. Please remember to bring BC Care Cards to the clinic.

Additional COVID-19 vaccine clinics at School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) and throughout the community are regularly updated here: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-clinics/>

**Mature Minor Consent:**

Interior Health recommends that parents/guardians should make every effort to discuss vaccination with their families and to involve their children as much as possible in immunization decisions.

A helpful link to help with those conversations is located here: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/covid-19-vaccines>

As you may know, students 12 years and older can provide “mature minor consent” to Interior Health by demonstrating they understand the benefits of, and possible reactions to, the vaccine, and the risk of not getting immunized.

To learn more about mature minor consent visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/informed-consent-for-immunization>

As a parent/guardian, you’re welcome to accompany your child at the time of vaccination.

**About the COVID-19 Vaccines:**

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community from the virus that causes COVID-19. The Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

For the strongest protection against COVID-19, you need to be fully vaccinated. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses, and a person is considered fully vaccinated seven days after getting the second dose.

We recognize and acknowledge that we are collectively gathered on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the seven Interior Region First Nations, where we live, learn, collaborate, and work together. This region is also home to 15 Chartered Métis Communities. It is with humility that we continue to strengthen our relationships with First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples across the Interior.