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Dear students, parents, and guardians,

Northern Health will be sending letters this month about missing immunization information for school-aged children. These letters will show which vaccines each student has received, which ones are overdue, and which will be due in the next two years. Students can catch up on missing vaccines and update their records.

Students who go to school in-person or are home-schooled will receive these letters. Letters won't be sent to students who are up to date with their vaccines or to students in grades K, 1-3, 6, or 9, as their records were checked earlier this year. Students at First Nation Schools also won't get these letters.

If you do not receive a letter and are unsure about your child's immunization status, you can access immunization records at HealthLink BC or BC Health Gateway.

The goal of these letters is to:

- 1. Help students catch up on missed vaccines to protect them from diseases.
- 2. Keep immunization records up to date in the provincial registry (Panorama) for better service and quick response in case of disease outbreaks.

Please watch for this letter. You can find more information on Northern Health's <u>Vaccine Status Reporting Regulation (VSRR) webpage</u>.

Sincerely,

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HealthLinkBC:



BC Health Gateway:



VSRR:

