
STUDENT VACCINATIONS

Background

The Division believes that parents are the foremost educators of their children and have the right to make decisions for their children that are in conformity with their moral and religious convictions. This belief also extends to parents serving as the primary educators and decision-makers for healthcare matters that relate to their children. This includes responsibility for decisions to receive or refrain from vaccinations made available to their children through Alberta Health Services' school-based vaccination program.

Procedures

1. Alberta Health Services (AHS) is recognized as the provincial health authority overseeing the delivery of in-school vaccination programs for students. School administration will liaise with AHS designates for the purposes of coordinating the scheduling of such vaccinations.
2. School administration will ensure school staff assist with the distribution and collection of vaccination information and consent forms for all vaccines that are a part of AHS's school-based vaccination program.
3. The principal or designate will distribute Policy 21 – Vaccinations to parent/guardian(s) of students being vaccinated that year, by September 30th.
4. When any vaccinations are to occur, the principal will ensure temporary signage on the exterior wall or door of the room in which AHS in-school vaccinations take place and the signage shall read: "Alberta Health Services – School Services: Temporary Vaccination Site."

Reference: Section 11,32,33,52,53,196,197,222 Education Act

*Public Health Act
Communicable Disease Regulation AR 238/85
Policy 21 – Vaccinations*