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Dear Parents, Guardians and Representatives,

In February 2020, Fort St. John will host the BC Winter Games. Fort St. John will see more than 1,500 visitors from February 20 – 23, 2020. Some events will also take place in Dawson Creek and Charlie Lake.

Prior to attending the BC Winter Games event, Northern Health strongly recommends your child(ren) and family members are up-to-date with their vaccinations. Immunizations save lives. It is important to help protect families from getting sick with a vaccine-preventable disease and spreading it to others (especially children and adults who cannot be immunized due to medical reasons).

Recommendations for family members:

- Check vaccination status
- Catch-up with any missing vaccinations
- Get a flu shot at least two weeks before the Games, as it can take the Flu vaccine two weeks to become effective.

To help determine if your child might be missing a vaccination, or to learn more about specific vaccine preventable diseases, click to visit the following websites (or you can use your smart phone to scan the QR codes):

Vaccination Status



<https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator>

- Find out if Public Health already has your child's immunization record, or if more information may be needed.

Find an Influenza (Flu) Clinic

<https://immunizebc.ca/clinics/flu>

- Find a Flu clinic located near you.



Influenza (Flu) Immunization: Myths and Facts



<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/flu-vaccine-myth-facts>

- Can you get the Flu from the Flu shot?
- Does the Flu shot work?

Grades 6 & 9 Immunizations in B.C.

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/grade-6-immunizations>

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/grade-9-immunizations-bc>

- List of vaccinations provided to children in Grades 6 & 9, and information about those vaccines.



Grade 6



Grade 9

Sincerely,

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