

Minimum Intervals Between Doses: Grade 9 Students with Up-to-date Immunizations

Immunization coverage analyses in British Columbia are conducted using business rules which calculate ages and time intervals at receipt of immunization. Each dose is counted as a valid dose only if given at or after the earliest eligible age, or at a time interval equal to or greater than the shortest recommended interval.

Antigen/Agent	Minimum Age or Minimum Time Interval Between Eligible Doses			
	Dose 1 ^A	Dose 2	Dose 3	Dose 4
Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis				
Series started at any age	42 days	28 days	28 days	24 weeks ^B
Dose 1 received after 1 year and dose 3 after 10 years of age	1 year	28 days	24 weeks ^C	
Meningococcal Quadrivalent Conjugate	11 years + 8 months			
Human Papillomavirus				
2 Dose schedule	9 years	150 days		
3 Dose schedule	9 years	28 days	12 weeks ^D	

- A. Dose 1 refers to the earliest age a child can receive the initial dose.
- B. Most children immunized according to BC schedule would have received 6 doses. To be considered up-to-date, the last dose must be received on or after 10 years of age.
- C. To be considered up-to-date, dose 3 must be received on or after 10 years of age.
- D. Dose 3 must be given at least 24 weeks after dose 1.

British Columbia immunization coverage reports and definitions are available at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/immunization-vaccines/immunization-coverage>.