

Overview of VCH Prevention Services



HEALTH PROMOTION

- ✓ In collaboration with Population Health & Health Protection, work with partners in various settings (e.g. schools, local gov't, non profit) to implement evidence-based upstream, preventative policies and programs.
- ✓ PHNs and Dietitians support health promotion initiatives in schools using the Comprehensive School Health Framework.



PRENATAL

- ✓ All pregnant people are offered standardized screening, health promotion and education, and intervention including referral as needed. Priority populations will be offered public health services and/or referral. <http://www.vch.ca/public-health/pregnancy-parenting/pregnancy>



VISION

- ✓ Universal health promotion and prevention messaging to the public.
- ✓ Refer clients to optometry resources in the community.
- ✓ Seek partnerships with FNHA, First Nations, and rural communities to address gaps in service accessibility.



AUDIOLOGY

- ✓ Provides newborn hearing screening at birth hospital.
- ✓ Hearing screening offered at Kindergarten.
- ✓ Hearing assessments are provided to children 0-19 years of age upon referral.
- ✓ Hearing aid fittings for children 0-19 years of age



PEDIATRIC TEAM & NURSING SUPPORT SERVICES

- ✓ Pediatric team Occupational and Physio Therapist provide services to children with chronic health and special needs.
- ✓ Nursing Support Services, funded and under mandate of Provincial Health Services provide care for children with medical complexities.
- ✓ [North Shore Pediatric Resource Team - West Vancouver Community Health Centre - Vancouver Coastal Health \(vch.ca\)](http://www.vch.ca)



EARLY YEARS: MATERNAL NEWBORN

- ✓ Public Health Nurses (PHNs) make an initial contact with parents of newborn within 24 to 48 hours of birth notification from maternity care provider.
- ✓ PHNs assess maternal & newborn stability, assess variances from normal outcomes, and plan follow-up. **On call Nurse: 604-983-6754**



SCHOOL-AGE IMMUNIZATIONS

- ✓ Vaccines administered in schools to Kindergarten, Grade 6 and Grade 9 students in public, private and First Nations schools in VCH.
- ✓ Public Health Clinic based immunizations offered in addition. **There is an Public Health Nurse attached to each school to coordinate this service, for more information: 604-983-6714.**



IMMUNIZATION & VACCINATION PROGRAM

- ✓ Provide clinical support, resources & education for VCH immunization programs.
- ✓ Order and organize distribution of vaccines, track and monitor inventory, and provide cold chain education and support.



SPEECH & LANGUAGE

- ✓ Speech and Language Pathologists assess, diagnose and treat communication disorders to enable children to reach their maximum communication potential.
- ✓ Services are available for VCH residents in their communities from birth to eligibility for Kindergarten entry. To refer your child: <http://www.vch.ca/Documents/Referral-for-Speech-and-Language-Services.pdf>



EARLY YEARS: UNIVERSAL AND ENHANCED

- ✓ Following birth notification and through other referral pathway, all families can be provided with PHN supports for health promotion, prevention and capacity building.
- ✓ PHNs will continue to provide intensive supports and services to priority population.
- ✓ <http://www.vch.ca/public-health/pregnancy-parenting/new-parents-baby>



DENTAL

- ✓ Hygienist services include risk assessment (oral & non oral risk factors for decay are assessed by dental hygienist), dental screening, oral health information (hygiene, nutrition, and general counselling), fluoride varnish application, and referral. 604-983-6700



NUTRITION

- ✓ Dietitians provide support to PHNs and community professionals/leaders on best practice and policy related to food/nutrition via consultations, clinics, and workshops.



CHILD HEALTH CLINIC (CHC)

- ✓ Public Health provides Immunizations according to the BC Immunization Guide for children (2, 4, 6, 12, 18 months, and 4-6 year olds).
- ✓ CHCs also offer global health assessments, health information, and appropriate education and referrals. To make an appointment: <https://northshorepublichealth.janeapp.com/>



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

- ✓ Provide clinical support, resources and education for prevention and control of CDs in VCH.
- ✓ CD nurses support case, contact and outbreak management for vaccine preventable diseases, viral respiratory infections and sexually transmitted and blood borne infections. Questions: 604- 983-6714



SEXUAL HEALTH & YOUTH CLINIC

- ✓ Services for youth include health education, counselling, provision of contraception and emergency contraception, pregnancy diagnosis and options counselling, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, immunizations and referrals.
- ✓ Strategic planning to support equitable access to sexual health and reproductive services, collaborative engagement with partners across the region, and innovative opportunities for sexual health promotion.
- ✓ Enhance positive sexual health outcomes across the region by supporting and enhancing sexual health services while reducing the burden of sexually transmitted infections. <http://www.vch.ca/public-health/children-youth-schools/youth-health>

Prevention Across the Life Course

Prenatal to 5



Child & Youth



Adult

