Public Health Agency of Canada | Agence de la santé publique du Canada
Chief Public Health Officer | Administrateur en chef de la santé publique

HE-C2-1

MAR 30 2011

Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence

Regional Municipality of Peel
Office of the Regional Chair
APR 7 2011
RECEIVED

Mr. Emil Kolb
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

Dear Mr. Kolb:

Thank you for your correspondence of March 9, 2011, concerning provincial and national policies to support immunization record systems.

Immunization registries represent the best method of assessing vaccine coverage at the regional level as they measure coverage of a local population. The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) will continue to collaborate with the provinces and territories on the development of a national network of standardized provincial- and territorial-based immunization registries capable of providing an accurate picture of immunization at all levels across Canada. This goal is best achieved through the work of the Canadian Immunization Registry Network, a federal/provincial/territorial working group that provides standards, central coordination, and sustainable planning to support compatible electronic immunization registries in Canada.

I encourage you to continue working with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding the development of immunization registries in the province. Such leadership would assist in the development of immunization registries to best serve your local community, as well as national immunization registry network efforts.

.../2

REFERRAL TO
RECOMMENDED
DIRECTION REQUIRED
RECEIPT RECOMMENDED ✓

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

COPY TO:		FOR:	
Chair	✓ ✓	Committee	
CAO	✓ ✓		
Corporate Services		Council	
Public Works			
Employee and Business Services May 12/11 R.C.			
Health Services	✓ ✓	File MOH	✓
Human Services			
Peel Living			

Canada

PHAC will continue to conduct national immunization coverage surveys every two years to identify trends and missed opportunities for immunization. In addition, we will monitor national vaccine coverage based on the immunization schedule recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization and provide a national perspective on immunization coverage.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

David Butler-Jones, MD
MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM

c.c. Dr. David Mowat, Medical Officer of Health
Ms. Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services

HE-C 2-3

Office of the Chair

March 9, 2011

Resolution No. 2011-129

Dr. David Butler-Jones
Chief Public Health Officer of Canada
Public Health Agency of Canada
1015 Arlington Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 3R2

Dear Dr. Butler-Jones:

Subject: Provincial and National Policies to Support Immunization Record Systems

At its meeting held on February 24, 2011, Peel Regional Council considered how several levels of governments might cooperate to support more effective programs of immunization. Council was made aware of several components of the National Immunization Strategy which have not yet been implemented, and of the recent findings of the Roundtable convened by the Canadian Public Health Association, which reinforce the need for concerted action. Council was particularly interested in the potential of a National Immunization Registry to render local immunization record systems more effective and efficient.

Accordingly, Council approved the following resolution:

> "That a renewed National Immunization Strategy, and particularly the formation of a National Immunization Registry, be endorsed;
>
> And further, that the Medical Officer of Health be directed to pursue the issue of the unique identifier with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Privacy Commissioner and the Panorama information management system project team to establish feasible and acceptable uses of the identifier and to incorporate these into the new system;
>
> And further, that the Regional Chair write to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health, the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada and the Canadian Public Health Association with a copy to Peel area MPs and MPPs to communicate the need for a strengthened National Immunization Strategy".

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution. I look forward to your reply. Please quote the Region of Peel's reference number in your reply.

Sincerely,

Emil Kolb

Emil Kolb
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

c: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services
Dr. David Mowat, Medical Officer of Health