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2007 Christmas Holiday Vaccine Ordering & Pick-Up Schedule

The last day for placing vaccine orders prior to Christmas is **Wednesday, December 19th, 2007**. Please note the following holiday pick-up date schedule:

Location	Last Pick up Date	Hours
7330 Goreway Dr.	Dec. 19, 2007	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
2227 South Millway	Dec. 20, 2007	8:30 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.
325 Central Parkway West	Dec. 21, 2007	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
6975 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle	Dec. 21, 2007	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
44 Peel Centre Dr.	Ongoing pick-up during regular business hours*	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Please note that Peel Public Health is closed on statutory holidays – December 25 & 26, 2007 and January 1, 2008.

Regular vaccine ordering & pick-up schedules resume at all locations on January 2, 2008.

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Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine Shortage: New Ordering Practice

- Since March 2007, there has been a global shortage of Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine.
- To date, Peel Public Health has been requesting individual client information by risk factor from the physician at the time of order.
- While not at normal quotas, the provincial supply of this vaccine is increasing. As a result, Peel Public Health will no longer require physicians to provide individual client information to order the vaccine.
- However, Peel Public Health will limit the number of doses a physician can order to 10 per calendar month. Practices with more than one physician will be limited to 10 doses per physician per month.
- This ordering practice will begin on **January 2, 2008** and will continue until vaccine supply returns to normal.

To facilitate orders, a new pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine order form is attached.

Peel Public Health Immunization Risk Mitigation

The first large scale screening of student immunization records for 65 schools is nearing completion:

- 20,000 incomplete records are now updated
- 855 students were suspended
- 232 students remain on suspension as of December 12, 2007

The next large scale screening will begin at the end of February 2008.

Physicians should expect increased patient requests for immunization records, immunizations and medical exemptions.

The following key factors affect immunization rates and records:

- Incorrect spacing of vaccinations
- Foreign schedules that do not meet Canadian/Provincial requirements
- Parents who are not aware of their obligation to submit immunization records to Peel Public Health. *Please remind them after each vaccination*

Thank you for providing patients with records and with required vaccines. Together we have made significant progress toward increasing our vaccine coverage rate among students in Peel.

Season's Greetings
- from Peel Public Health