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Public Health Follow-up for Reportable Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

Peel Public Health contacts all residents of Peel who test positive for a reportable STI. At the time of testing, please notify your patients that **if they test positive for a reportable STI, they will be contacted by a Public Health Nurse via telephone.**

The Public Health Nurse will:

- Inquire about compliance with medication
- Request details about sexual and needle-sharing partners
- Advise regarding the test of cure
- Provide community resources as required

Healthy Sexuality Clinics

- Birth Control and STI medications are available through our Healthy Sexuality Clinics
- Clinics offer oral contraceptives and ECP (Plan B), the transdermal contraceptive patch (Evra), contraceptive foam and film, all at a reduced cost. Latex male condoms are available free of charge.
- Individuals who present with a prescription for birth control from a community physician will be required to see a clinic physician and/or nurse. **Please encourage patients who wish to fill a prescription for birth control at our clinics to call ahead and make an appointment.**
- Free treatment for chlamydia and gonorrhea is available for individuals presenting with a prescription from a community physician.

Services Provided to Physician Offices

- We can provide you with free medications for the treatment of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis.
- We also provide telephone consultation on how to administer syphilis treatment.
- Contact Peel Public Health for more information on how you can participate in our Community STI Medication Distribution Program.



Drop-In Hours: Brampton Healthy Sexuality Clinic Location Only

Beginning February 6th, 2008:

Clinic Location: Brampton Healthy Sexuality clinic, 150 Central Park Drive, Suite #9

Drop-in Hours: Wednesdays - 1:30 - 6:30 pm

Patients can access services such as:

- Anonymous HIV testing
- STI testing & treatment
- Reduced cost birth control
- Emergency Contraceptive Pill
- Pregnancy testing & options counselling

All other clinic hours and services will continue by appointment only. **Other Clinic sites continue to be by appointment only.**

For more information about clinic hours and services please call 905-799-7700.

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PENTACEL® Vaccine Changing to PEDIACEL®

Introduction:

- The PENTACEL® paediatric vaccine (DTaP-IPV-Hib: diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b) manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur Ltd. has been replaced with a new fully liquid version called PEDIACEL®.
- Beginning January 2008, PENTACEL® paediatric vaccine orders received by Peel Public Health will be replaced with the new PEDIACEL® vaccine.
- PEDIACEL® antigens and their concentrations are the same as those in PENTACEL®. However, the polio portion of the vaccine is grown on a vero cell line rather than a human diploid cell line.

Administration:

- Administration of the vaccine (IM) and the dosing schedule (2, 4, 6 and 18 months) remain unchanged.
- PEDIACEL® comes in one ready-to-use vial and is fully liquid. No reconstitution is necessary. The vaccine is packaged in units of 5 single-dose vials with latex-free stoppers.

Safety and Immunogenicity:

- In a Canadian clinical trial, the vaccine safety and immunogenicity were shown to be comparable to PENTACEL®.
- The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has published recommendations with respect to the interchangeability of DTaP-IPV-Hib products including PENTACEL® and PEDIACEL®.

- NACI recommends that the first 3 doses of the immunization series (at 2, 4, 6 months) should ideally be completed with the same product. However, NACI also notes that a regularly scheduled vaccination should not be deferred due to lack of availability of a particular product.

For more information go to <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/ccdr-rmtc/05vol31/asc-dcc-1/index.html>

To order PEDIACEL® vaccine, please call the Vaccine Order Desk at 905-791-7800 ext. 6404.