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**Fall 2007 Screening Update**

- The fall 2007 screening of student immunization records for 65 Peel District School Board Schools was very successful. More than 20,000 records have been updated.
- We would like to thank you for your role in ensuring students received all of the required vaccinations and for assisting parents to provide immunization records to Peel Public Health.

**Winter-Spring 2008 Screening Begins**

- From February to June 2008, Peel Public Health will implement the next phase of screening in which the immunization records of students at 65 schools in the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board schools will be reviewed.

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

If you have any questions about immunization requirements or schedules please contact us at 905-791-7800 ext. 6422 for direct access to the Immunization Records Team. **(Please note this number is for Physicians only).**



**For parents who do not read English:**

Translated information about student immunization requirements are available in 26 languages at [www.immunizepeel.ca](http://www.immunizepeel.ca).

**How you can help students meet immunization requirements for school**

- Ensure that vaccinations are spaced correctly, i.e.:
  - MMR dose #1 must be given *after* the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.
  - MMR dose #2 is given *at least 28 days after dose #1*.
  - Two live vaccines must be given on the same day or at least 28 days apart (e.g. MMR, varicella).

- Ensure that children who have an irregular or foreign immunization schedule meet the requirements of the **Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario-February 2005** when you provide their subsequent immunizations.

Catch-Up Schedules are available online at: [www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/immun/pdf/schedule.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/immun/pdf/schedule.pdf).

- Inform parents that Peel Public Health offers free translation of immunization records for children enrolled in a licensed day nursery and students up to 18 years of age in a Peel Region educational institution.
- Provide medical exemption documentation for children with an allergy or previous reaction to vaccine.
- Ensure that you provide parents with a record of vaccinations for each child. **Remind parents to update their child's record at Peel Public Health each time they receive a vaccination.**
- Parents can also update their child's immunization records on-line at [www.immunizepeel.ca](http://www.immunizepeel.ca).
- Direct parents to contact Peel Public Health at **905-799-7700** for exemption requirements or to update immunization records for their child.