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**Holiday Vaccine Pick-up: No vaccine pick-up at Peel Public Health locations on Friday, April 2, 2010 and Monday, April 5, 2010**

Please be advised that there will be no vaccine pick-up available on Friday, April 2, 2010 and Monday, April 5, 2010 at Peel Public Health locations. Regular hours of operation for vaccine pick-up will resume on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

**New Immunization Cards (“Yellow cards”)**

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has released **new personal immunization record cards**.

To order the new cards, call the Vaccine Order Desk at 905-791-7800 ext. 6404 or fax the Vaccine Order Form to 905-793-4858.

**New office and/or fridge inspections**

**Reminder:** All new practices and fridges require an inspection prior to vaccine release. If you are opening a new practice or purchasing a new fridge, contact Peel Public Health at 905-791-7800 ext. 6404 or ext. 2840 and a public health nurse will arrange to visit your office for an inspection.

**Vaccine Order Pickup Requirements**

In order to maintain cold chain during transport, please:

- Ensure that staff bring a sufficient number of coolers to accommodate all vaccine packages ordered.

- Use freezer packs and a thermometer to pre-cool cooler(s) to a temperature between +2.0°C and +8.0°C. This may take approximately 30 minutes.
- Ensure that the vaccine transport cooler contains:
  - A minimum-maximum thermometer.
  - Ice packs or ice blankets.
  - Bubble wrap for insulation.
- Keep vaccine packages unopened until they are placed directly into your facility’s fridge.

Your cooperation is appreciated!