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PEEL PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION CLINICS:

Peel Public Health currently operates weekly clinics throughout Peel region offering free immunizations for:

- Children, one years of age or older, who are new to Canada and do not have a health card **and** require a record of immunization for school or day care registration or;
- Grade seven students who missed the hepatitis B and/or meningococcal type C (men-C) vaccine at school immunization clinics

Please refer eligible clients to 905-799-7700 to book an appointment.

RECAP OF NEW PUBLICLY FUNDED VACCINES:

In February 2005, three new publicly funded vaccines were added to the existing routine immunization schedule. Refer to this immunization schedule for the eligibility and administration times for:

- varicella vaccine
- pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
- meningococcal C-conjugate (men-C) vaccine

The men-C vaccine is now being offered in conjunction with the second hepatitis B dose at school based clinics. Physicians are reminded that students are eligible to receive the men-C vaccine providing they are:

- 12 years of age or in grade 7
- between the ages of 15-19 years

Note: Peel Public Health will no longer be offering secondary school or community men-C clinics and eligible students are encouraged to receive the vaccine from their family doctor.

Public Health Agency of Canada recommends that Immunization records must always include:

- Trade name of vaccine
- Disease(s) against which it protects
- Date given
- Dose
- Site and route of administration
- Manufacturer
- Lot Number

It is recommended that this information be kept on the patient's medical record in a readily accessible section that is not to be archived. (Canadian Immunization Guide 6th edition, p. 40-41).

REPORTING OF ADVERSE VACCINE REACTIONS:

Adverse vaccine reactions (AVRs) and/or associated unusual events are reportable to Peel Public Health.

The Canadian Immunization Guide (CIG) 6th edition lists definitions used for reportable adverse events on pages 262-264 of the CIG. A copy of Health Canada's Vaccine Associated Adverse Event form is on pages 265-266.

Please call 905-799-7700 to report an adverse vaccine reaction or fax a completed form to (905) 458-9217.

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IMMUNIZATION RESOURCES AND WEB SITES:

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Your Child's Best Shot: A Parent's Guide to Vaccination (2002): Canadian Paediatric Society.

Caring for Kids (CPS):

www.caringforkids.cps.ca

Institute for Vaccine Safety:

www.vaccinesafety.edu

Health Canada Travel Medicine Program:

www.travelhealth.gc.ca

RESOURCES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The Canadian Immunization Guide 6th edition is available to download at:

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/cig-gci/index.html>

Canadian Coalition for Immunization Awareness and Promotion:

www.immunize.cpha.ca

Canadian Paediatric Society:

www.cps.ca