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New vaccine reporting requirements under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)

Starting July 1, 2018, amendments to the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) and regulations will require health care providers in Ontario to report any immunizations administered to children for the designated diseases that are specified in the ISPA to the local medical officer of health. These include diphtheria, measles, meningococcal disease, mumps, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rubella, tetanus, and varicella.

Region of Peel – Public Health is currently exploring options to make health care provider reporting in Peel a simple and efficient process. **At this time, we are not asking health care providers to begin reporting as of July 1, 2018.** In the interim, please continue to ask parents/caregivers to report any immunizations to public health.

In future, Immunization Connect Ontario for Health Care Providers (ICON HCP), an online web application, accessed through eHealth Ontario, will be the preferred method for reporting immunization to Region of Peel – Public Health.

Benefits for health care providers using ICON HCP to report immunizations include:

1. Provides a secure mechanism to submit immunization records
2. Provides ability to retrieve an online copy of a patient’s immunization record for health care purposes
3. Provides a customized immunization forecast for a patient based on the Ontario Immunization Schedules

ICON HCP will be made available through Peel’s Health Professionals webpage for health care providers to report immunizations. **In Peel, plans for a pilot project to trial the ICON HCP online web application are being developed. If you are interested in participating in the pilot, please contact us at 905-799-7700.**

Region of Peel – Public Health commits to working with health care providers to support the successful implementation of this new legislated requirement. Any additional information received will be provided as it becomes available.

Clarification: Tdap vaccine in pregnancy

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recently updated its recommendation that immunization with Tdap (Adacel® or Boostrix®) vaccine should be provided with every pregnancy between 27-32 weeks of gestation.

At this time, there have been no changes made to the Tdap publicly funded program.

- **One publicly funded lifetime Tdap dose in adulthood** (≥18 years of age) may be administered to pregnant patients, their partners and relatives if they have not already received it.
- Health care providers can use discretion for pregnant women (and their child) that may be at increased risk of pertussis.
The MOHLTC is currently reviewing the NACI statement and may adjust the program at a later time.

The Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario are available at: