

April 17, 2020

Dear Superintendents and Principals,

RE: School Immunization Services during COVID-19 Pandemic

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are working closely with the Ministry of Health to protect the health of everyone in B.C. This has involved changes to our standard school-based immunization clinics that are held throughout the year. Public Health was scheduled to return to all Elementary Schools this spring to offer immunizations to grade 6 and kindergarten students not yet up-to-date.

At this time the school-based mass immunization clinics for grade 6 and kindergarten student are on hold, as student classes are not in session. The Covid-19 pandemic also require different strategies to maintain clinical preventive services including immunization. We are continuing to offer immunization clinics to young children 0-5 years of age on a 1:1 basis and will continue to monitor the outbreak situation for the opportunity to increase our immunization services and/or return to school-based clinics. We will provide updates in the coming days and weeks.

If you have any questions regarding services please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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