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It's that time of the year; Child care centre immunization notices are here!

In accordance with the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*, Durham Region Health Department directs child care centre operators to ensure children in attendance at their centre are immunized according to the **Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario – December 2016**

(http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/docs/immunization_schedule.pdf).

Immunization notices are distributed during April to child care centres. Consider the following:

1. **Ordering additional vaccine** to prepare for increased immunization requests
2. **Providing a copy of the child's updated immunization record to parents.** Every child care centre must keep an updated copy within the child's file
3. **Completing the Ministry of Education Medical Exemption Form** and providing it to parents, if a child **cannot** or **should not** be immunized for medical reasons

Some common reasons a child receives a notice include:

- The immunization was previously administered, but the information was **not provided** to the **child care centre** or **Health Department**
- Missing dose of **MMR, varicella** or **Men-C-C** vaccines **after** one year of age
- Two live vaccines were given **too close together** (e.g., 28 days is needed between MMR and varicella, 42 days is needed between MMRV and varicella, etc.). A **booster** dose will be required for the **second vaccine** given. For minimum intervals, refer to the Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario (Table 15: MMR, MMRV, and Var Immunization series).

Health care provider resources now available to order online durham.ca/HCP.

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