Immunization Notice Time is Near!

In late fall, the Health Department will be sending immunization notices to students whose records are not up-to-date for the 2019/20 school year.

What to do if a student brings you an immunization notice:

1. Compare your record with the Health Department record printed on the back of the notice.
2. If your record:
   a. does not match our record, and a missing vaccine has been administered, please provide an update on the front of the notice; or
   b. matches our record, and the student is missing vaccines needed for their age and schedule, please administer and provide the vaccine information and date administered on the front of the notice.

According to the Canadian Immunization Guide, if a student is overdue for multiple vaccines, all vaccines should be given; administering multiple vaccines at one time is safe. Routine vaccines can still be provided to students with minor illnesses, such as an upper respiratory tract infection, otitis media, mild gastrointestinal illness or concurrent antibiotic therapy. Generally, if a patient is well enough to present for immunization in the outpatient setting, he/she is well enough to be immunized.

Scenarios to be aware of:

- Tdap-IPV 4-6 year booster given before the student’s 4th birthday requires another dose.
- If students younger than 7 don’t have 3 primary doses of Pediace (DTaP-IPV-Hib) a booster of Pediace is required. Tdap-IPV is not sufficient as it has less antigens of diptheria and pertussis.
- If MMR, Varicella or Men-C-C was given before the student’s 1st birthday, a booster is needed.
- If live vaccines were given too close together (e.g., Varicella, MMR), a booster is required for the 2nd vaccine given. For minimum intervals, refer to the Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario (Table 15).
- Students in grades 8 to 12 require one dose of Men-C-ACYW135 (Menactra®, Menveo®). Do not administer Men-C-C as a substitute for Men-C-ACYW135.
- If a child cannot receive immunization(s) for medical reasons, download and complete the Statement of Medical Exemption- Immunization of School Pupils Act, durham.ca/hcp.

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