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Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics

RE: Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) – Suspension Orders

Starting April 9th, the HKPR District Health Unit will be distributing suspension orders to students who are still overdue for immunizations that are required for school attendance under the ISPA. Considering this, your office will most likely receive an influx of requests to book appointments for required vaccines (as specified on the suspension orders).

**The suspension date for Secondary School students is planned for April 23rd
The suspension date for Elementary School students is planned for April 27th**

The ISPA requires all children attending school to be immunized against the following diseases:
(http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/docs/immunization_schedule.pdf)

- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio
- Measles, mumps, rubella
- Meningococcal Group C for children ages 1-11
- Meningococcal Group ACYW135 for children in grades 7-12
- Varicella for children born in 2010 or later

Please ensure that ALL necessary vaccines are administered to students as indicated on suspension orders – e.g. Polio vaccine is required for 7-year old students.

Please note:

- **Polio vaccine – we have determined that some children received Tdap vaccine as their 4-6 year old booster and are therefore missing polio vaccine. Single antigen polio vaccine can be ordered from the Health Unit.**
- **Pediacel® vaccine will permanently replace Infanrix-Polio® vaccine for ‘catch-up’ primary doses for children in Ontario who are less than 7 years of age.**

What do you need to do?

- Ensure additional vaccines have been ordered and are in-stock for increased appointment requests
- Report any immunizations to the HKPR District Health Unit:
 - Fax: 905-885-5352
 - E-mail: immunization@hkpr.on.ca
 - Call: 1-866-888-4577 x 1507

Should you require further information, please contact the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1507.