

February 23, 2017

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics

RE: Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) – 1st Notice Reminder Calls

In January, the HKPRDHU mailed **first notices** to students who were considered overdue for immunizations that are required for school attendance under the ISPA. The submission deadline specified in the first notice is **March 6, 2017**. At this time, the HKPRDHU has not received many of these updates and so have placed calls to parents/guardians reminding them of the submission deadline.

These reminder calls may prompt parents/guardians to call your office to book their child(ren) in for the required immunizations as indicated on the first notice. Due to these reminder calls, your office may receive increased calls to book appointments for required vaccines.

The ISPA requires all children attending school to be immunized against the following diseases:

- 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.

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 HKPRDHU:
 - Call: 1-866-888-4577 x 1507.
 - E-mail: immunization@hkpr.on.ca.
 - Fax: 905-885-5352.

Should you require further information, please contact the Health Unit and ask to speak with a nurse in the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Department.

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