

April 5, 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians or Representatives, of Home Schooled Children,

**RE: BC Government's Measles Immunization Catch-Up Program for School-Aged Children (K-12) from April to June 2019**

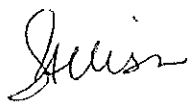
As you may have heard, the BC Government has announced an initiative to catch up all school-age children (K-12) with measles vaccines. This is an opportunity for unimmunized and under-immunized children to catch-up on their measles vaccinations. At this time, there is no measles outbreak within our Northern Health region; however, we are working with the province, our health-care partners and school districts to increase immunity amongst B.C.'s school-age children.

Most people in Canada are protected against measles infection through immunizations. Two doses of either measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR) or measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccine (MMRV) is 99 per cent effective at preventing measles. Further booster doses are unnecessary and do not increase immunity. Children typically receive one dose of MMR at 12 months of age followed by one dose of MMRV starting at four years of age. For more information on measles and measles containing vaccine, please visit: Health Link BC - Measles at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/measles>

If you believe your child or children may be unimmunized or under immunized with respect to MMR or MMRV vaccine based on their immunization records, please contact your local health unit listed below to book an appointment.

Thank you for your attention to this information. We look forward to working together to ensure the measles immunization catch-up program for school-age children is successful.

Sincerely,



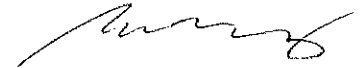
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