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Dear Parents/Guardians of Children in Toronto Daycares:

Re: Ensure Your Child is Vaccinated Against Measles

Toronto Public Health is investigating a measles outbreak in the City. Vaccination is the best protection against measles infection so it is important that all children are fully vaccinated. Children should receive their first measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine on, or after, their first birthday. Children should get their second measles vaccine when they turn four years old.

If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, please check your child's yellow immunization card, or speak with your child's health care provider. Vaccinating your child according to the recommended vaccination schedule helps protect their health and individuals around them.

Most children over one year of age in Toronto have received their first measles vaccine. However, if measles occurs in a daycare, children, staff and volunteers born after 1970 who are not vaccinated against measles will not be allowed to attend until the outbreak is over. Children who have already received their first measles vaccine will be given a second MMR vaccine to help prevent further measles infections before returning to the daycare.

If you or your children have travel plans, please be aware that measles is circulating in other countries, including the United States, which is experiencing a multi-state measles outbreak linked to Disneyland in California. Before you travel, make sure you and your children are protected. International travellers born since 1970 should receive two doses of measles-containing vaccine at least two weeks before they travel. Those 6 to 12 months of age who are travelling need one dose. For more information, please visit www.toronto.ca/health. If you have any questions, please call 416-338-7600.

Sincerely,



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