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To: Windsor–Essex County Healthcare Providers

Important updates regarding client immunization records and the Health Unit

Key Points

- Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) is committed to working collaboratively with healthcare providers, school boards, licensed childcare centres, and parents/guardians to keep children in our community protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.
- Please note that WECHU does not maintain immunization records for adults 28 years or older.
- To maintain accurate and up-to-date student immunization records, WECHU relies on reporting from local healthcare providers, parents/guardians, schools, and licensed childcare centres.
- Please be advised that we have recently sent out notices to all parents of children enrolled in Windsor Essex County schools requesting they update their child’s immunization records with the health unit. Please see www.wechu.org for details.
- **Therefore, you may notice an increase in requests for immunization records.**

To promote client-centered care for our community and enhance communication between health sectors, please consider:

- 1) After the administration of an immunization to a child 0-18 years of age, please encourage parents/guardians to contact WECHU to update their child’s permanent immunization record. Records can be sent to the Health Unit by:

Phone	519-258-2146 ext. 1222 1-800-265-5822 ext. 1222 (toll-free)
Fax	519-258-7288
Secure Online Reporting	immune.wechealthunit.org
In Person	WINDSOR OFFICE: 1005 Ouellette Avenue ESSEX OFFICE: 365 Fairview Avenue, Suite 215 LEAMINGTON OFFICE: 215 Talbot Street East

- 2) Alternatively, to increase the accuracy of client records and to improve system efficiency, many healthcare provider offices/agencies are now updating WECHU directly following the immunization of children 0-18 years of age. We welcome this practice. Please fax updated child immunization records to 519-258-7288.

Thank you in advance for your support and collaboration.
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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