

UPDATE

SUBJECT: Measles vaccination for ages 4 to 6

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To: Physicians, Primary Care Offices

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With the large increase in measles cases in the province any individual with only 1 dose of measles vaccine is at risk. In the Ontario immunization schedule, school age children are not considered overdue for measles vaccination until they are 7 years of age. These children are eligible for measles vaccination starting at age 4.

During month of April, WDG Public Health sent approximately 5,500 letters to families of all local students who were between 4 and 6 years of age **AND** had zero or one dose of MMR/MMRV or had an exemption for the measles vaccine on file. The letter encourages these families to talk to their health care provider about ensuring their child is up to date with the measles vaccine.

You may see an increase in interest from families in your practice who have children eligible for the MMR/MMRV vaccine booking appointments to receive the vaccine.

WDG Public Health continues to offer vaccine appointment in our clinics, focusing on those who do not have a primary care provider.

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