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Dear Parents/Guardians of Children in Toronto Schools:

As of March 23, 2015, Toronto Public Health has declared the measles outbreak over in Toronto. There were a total of 10 confirmed cases of measles ranging in age from one to 55 years. Most of these individuals were unvaccinated.

Vaccination is the best protection against infectious diseases. All children attending school in Ontario must be vaccinated against (or have an exemption to) the following diseases:

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella;
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Pertussis (Whooping Cough);
- Varicella (Chickenpox) - required for children born on, or after, January 2010; and,
- Meningococcal. The Meningococcal-C vaccine is needed for all elementary students, and the Meningococcal ACYW-135 vaccine is needed for students in Grade 7 and higher.

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. Please inform Toronto Public Health every time your child receives a vaccination; your health care provider does not report this information. You can report in several ways: online at www.toronto.ca/immunization; by phone at 416-392-1250; by fax at 416-338-2487, or by mail to Toronto Public Health, 235 Danforth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Toronto, ON M4K 1N2.

Vaccinating children according to the recommended vaccination schedule helps protect them and the individuals around them. Before you travel, make sure you and your children are protected. Measles is still circulating in other Canadian provinces and other countries, including the United States.

For more information, please visit www.toronto.ca/health or call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600.

Sincerely,



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