April 29, 2013

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Subject: Toronto Unvaccinated: The Impact of Vaccination on the City’s Health - Item No. HL21.3

The Toronto Board of Health on April 29, 2013 adopted the following recommendations which are forwarded to you for information and/or action.

The Board of Health:

1. Reaffirmed its request to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to:
   b. Strengthen the reporting of immunization information to public health by amending the Health Protection and Promotion Act to require mandatory reporting by health care providers to the Medical Officer of Health of the administration of an immunization to anyone below the age of 18 years.
   c. Ensure that Panorama, the electronic immunization system that will replace the Immunization Recording Immunization System (IRIS) to capture vaccine records for Ontario children, is designed to easily accept electronic information directly from health care provider electronic medical records for the efficient capture and sharing of immunizations records, and to act as an immunization registry for Ontario.

2. Urged the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Public Health Ontario to:
   a. Support both health care providers and parents by developing comprehensive and innovative communication tools to ensure access to accurate vaccine and disease risk-benefit information.
   b. Develop a comprehensive provincial vaccine safety communication strategy promoting plain language, evidence-informed advice to parents.
   c. Develop a provincial vaccine injury compensation program to compensate families in the rare circumstance a serious true vaccine injury occurs.
   d. Promote evidence-informed methods to improve immunization coverage to local public health agencies and health care providers.

3. Forwarded the report (April 15, 2013) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ontario Provincial Immunization Review Task Group and its sub-committees for consideration in the Task Group’s final report.
4. Forwarded the report (April 15, 2013) from the Medical Officer of Health to Public Health Ontario, the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee on Immunization, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association, the Council of Medical Officers of Health of Ontario, the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canadian Paediatric Society.

The Board of Health also heard a presentation from Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Communicable Disease Control, Toronto Public Health Division.

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(April 15, 2013) Staff Report from the Medical Officer of Health Re: Toronto Unvaccinated: The Impact of Vaccination on the City's Health
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-57578.pdf)
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-57638.pdf)


Yours truly

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Secretary,
Board of Health
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Sent to:

Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health
Ontario Provincial Immunization Review Task Group
Ontario Public Health Association
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