Interior Health

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Public School Superintendents and Principals of Independent Schools

Re: Change in School Immunization Consent Process

Beginning in the 2025/2026 school year we introduced the option for parents and guardians to provide consent for school immunizations through the provincial online consent platform.

Due to ongoing technical issues resulting in incomplete transfer of consent information to the public health system, we are pausing the promotion and use of the online consent platform until we can ensure the system is working correctly.

The current issues we are experiencing have not resulted in any concerns regarding misdirected or exposed information but are pertaining to data transfers between internal information systems.

Impact on Schools
Families who have used the online consent platform for whom we have experienced the issue will receive direct communication from Interior Health to remedy the issue.

For schools and families where the consent process has not begun the process will continue in the same way as past years with Public Health Nurses asking school secretaries to forward an email to parents and guardians advising that:

- A paper consent/refusal package, including vaccine information and links, will be sent home with their child.
- Public Health Nurses will provide consent packages to schools for distribution.

If you have additional questions, please contact your public health nurse:

Public Health Nurses by school district

We want to thank-you for you ongoing support of our school immunization programs.

Sincerely,

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We recognize and acknowledge that we are collectively gathered on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the seven Interior Region First Nations. This region is also home to 15 Chartered Métis Communities. It is with humility that we continue to strengthen our relationships with First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples across the Interior.

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