

Date: Wednesday, February 03, 2016

To: Central Zone Family, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatric, Internal Medicine and Emergency Room Physicians

From: Dr. Digby Horne, Medical Officer of Health – Central Zone

Please be advised that the outbreak of pertussis in Central Zone has now been declared over.

It is expected that there will continue to be some small outbreaks/clusters occurring in Central Zone due to incomplete/lack of immunization and less than 100% vaccine efficacy.

Declaring the outbreak over will mean an end to the policy of automatic provision of dTap (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis) vaccine to all pregnant women with each pregnancy. Pregnant women are now recommended to receive a dose of dTap during pregnancy only if they have not received a dose since turning 18 years. If a dose during pregnancy is indicated, it should be given at 26 weeks or greater so as to maximize placental antibody transfer.

Physicians can check the immunization status of pregnant patients with Public Health by faxing the enclosed form (Request for Public Health Record Search for Adult dTap Dose); a fax response will be received within 2 business days. Alternatively, patients can contact their local Community Health Centre to check their status and receive immunization as necessary (please see back of enclosed form for a list).

Pertussis immunization recommendations for other adults remain unchanged. To be considered immunized against pertussis, adults require administration of a single dose of pertussis vaccine given as dTap sometime after reaching 18 years. Immunization can be provided as opportunities present. Additional priority groups besides pregnant women include Health Care Workers and those in frequent contact with infants, such as parents, grandparents and Child Care Workers.

The Central Zone pertussis outbreak was declared in December 2014; 87 cases were reported in 2015, down from 139 cases reported in 2014 and 100 in 2013.

Detailed information about pertussis immunization can be found in the AHS Immunization Standards: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page10802.aspx>

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

**Request for Public Health Record Search
for Adult dTap Dose**

Patient Last Name		Patient First Name		Patient Initial
Birthdate (dd • Mon • yyyy) ____ • _____ • ____		PHN #		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Requesting Physician's Office		Phone #	Fax #	
Patient's Home Community	Person Requesting Information		Date (dd • Mon • yyyy) ____ • _____ • ____	

Public Health Use Only

Date Request Received (dd • Mon • yyyy) ____ • _____ • ____	Date Database Searched (dd • Mon • yyyy) ____ • _____ • ____	Signature of person searching database
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Please fax completed form to local Community Health Centre (Public Health Site). Site list on reverse.

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Alberta Health Services

Central Zone Community Health Centres

Camrose Public Health

Phone: 780.679.2980 Fax: 780.679.2999

Castor Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.882.3404 Fax: 403.882.2387

Consort Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.577.3770 Fax: 403.577.2235

Coronation Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.578.3200 Fax: 403.578.2702

Drayton Valley Community Health Centre

Phone: 780.542.4415 Fax: 780.621.4998

Drumheller Community Health Services

Phone: 403.820.6004 Fax: 403.820.6007

Eckville Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.746.2201 Fax: 403.746.2185

Elnora Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.773.3636 Fax: 403.773.3949

Hanna Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.854.5236 Fax: 403.854.4850

Innisfail Health Centre

Phone: 403.227.7820 Fax: 403.227.7801

Kitscoty Public Health

Phone: 780.846.2824 Fax: 780.846.2731

Lacombe Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.782.3218 Fax: 403.782.2866

Lamont Community Health

Phone: 780.895.2211 Fax: 780.895.2200

Olds Campus Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.559.2150 Fax: 403-559-2151

Ponoka Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.783.4491 Fax: 403.783.3825

Provost Community Health Centre Phone:

780.753.6180 Fax: 780.753.2064

Red Deer

Johnstone Crossing Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.356.6300 Fax: 403.356.6440

Rimbey Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.843.2288 Fax: 403.843.3050

Rocky Mountain House Health Centre

Phone: 403.845.3030 Fax: 403.845.4975

Sedgewick Public Health

Phone: 780.384.3652 Fax: 780.384.3699

Stettler Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.742.3326 Fax: 403.742.1353

Sundre Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.638.4063 Fax: 403.638.4460

Sylvan Lake Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.887.2241 Fax: 403.887.2610

Three Hills Community Health Centre

Phone: 403.443.5355 Fax: 403.443.2207

Tofield Public Health

Phone: 780.662.3984 Fax: 780.662.3355

Two Hills Community Health Services

Phone: 780.657.3361 Fax: 780.657.2928

Vegreville Public Health

Phone: 780.632.3331 Fax: 780.632.4334

Vermilion Public Health

Phone: 780.853.5270 Fax: 780.853.7362

Viking Public Health

Phone: 780.336.4782 Fax: 780.336.4916

Wainwright Public Health

Phone: 780.842.4077 Fax: 780.842.3151

Wetaskiwin Community Health Centre

Phone: 780.361.4333 Fax: 780.361.4355