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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

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RE: Expanded Pediatric Eligibility for Pneu-C-20 & COVID-19 Vaccine Reminder

QUICK FACTS

- Pneu-C-20 Pediatric Eligibility Expansion:
 - As of June 20, 2025, the Ministry of Health has expanded publicly funded eligibility for pneumococcal 20-valent conjugate vaccine (Pneu-C-20) to include high-risk children.
 - Effective immediately, children aged 6 weeks to 17 years who are at high-risk for invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) **and** who have completed the Pneu-C-13 series are eligible for **one additional dose of Pneu-C-20**.
 - Pneu-C-20 provides broader protection by covering 7 additional serotypes not included in Pneu-C-13.
- COVID-19 Vaccine Reminders:
 - The Spring 2025 COVID-19 vaccine campaign has now ended. Individuals who did not receive a spring dose should now wait for the Fall 2025 campaign.
 - High-risk individuals may still receive a spring dose until August 31, at the clinical discretion of their healthcare provider.
 - Note: Vaccinating now may impact timing for the fall dose.

KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- Assess [eligibility](#) for Pneu-C-20 in pediatric populations with medical conditions that increase risk for IPD.
- Pneu-C-20 should be administered:
 - At least 8 weeks after last dose of Pneu-C-13 or
 - at least 1 year after a dose of Pneu-P-23.
- Children who have already received Pneu-C-20 do not require any further doses.
- Use clinical judgment when deciding whether to offer a spring COVID-19 dose to high-risk individuals between now and August 31.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines for Children Aged 6 Weeks to 17 Years](#), Ministry of Health
- [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: 2024/2025 COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#), Ministry of Health

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (only report COVID-19 cases occurring in high-risk settings) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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