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FROM: Dr. Julie Emili, Associate Medical Officer of Health

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RE: Vaccine recall in China – DTaP

A vaccine recall regarding faulty vaccines that were developed and used in China has recently received media attention. These vaccines have not been distributed in Canada.

Two batches of DTaP vaccine were recalled by China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) on October 29, 2017 after failing potency testing.

- 1) DTaP, batch 201605014-01 produced by Changchun Biotechnology Co. distributed to Shandong province in China
- 2) DTaP, batch 201607050-2 produced by Wuhan Institute of Biological Products distributed to Chongqing and Hebei provinces in China.

The products could have been available for use in these areas from March to October 2017. In China, the DTaP vaccine is given routinely at 3,4,5 and 18 months of age. China Centre for Disease Control (CDC) has identified all children who received substandard DTaP vaccines and is in the process of revaccinating those identified.

There may be Ontario children who received an affected product while in China during that time period. Please consider children who received vaccines in China with recalled DTaP lot numbers, or in the absence of a lot number, DTaP vaccines administered from March to October 2017 in Hebei, Shandong and Chongqing provinces, to be invalid. These children should be revaccinated after consideration of the child's current age, and the number of previous doses of DTaP received, according to Ontario's Catch-Up Immunization Schedule (http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/docs/immunization_schedule.pdf) and the Canadian Immunization Guide (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/canadian-immunization-guide.html>)

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