



Message from the Halton Region Health Department

Happy New Year! Thank you for your ongoing support and for taking the time to get caught up on some important updates from the Health Department. This postcard provides public health updates to help you keep your patients safe and healthy including: a request to remind your patients to report immunizations to the Health Department to avoid school suspension as we continue to enforce the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)*; information and resources to help your clinical office practice prevent infection and control (IPAC) lapses; and lastly, an invitation to join us on April 25 for our first Continuing Medical Education (CME) event, *Things that Bite: Rabies and Lyme Disease*. Wishing you happiness and good health for 2018!



What's new for Halton physicians?



Be prepared for immunization requests

In January, over 6,000 high school students born between 2000 and 2003 will receive suspension notices for incomplete immunization records. Updated immunization information or a valid exemption must be reported to the Health Department before February 9 or the student will be suspended from school for up to 20 school days. Suspension will begin February 9. Please remind your patients to report immunization records online at halton.ca/immunize.



IPAC lapses in clinical office practices

The Health Department is required to inspect clinical office practices and other regulated health care settings to investigate infection prevention and control (IPAC) lapses that are reported through a complaint, a referral from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, or when investigating a communicable disease. For resources to ensure your practice is IPAC compliant, visit publichealthontario.ca (*Browse by Topic, and select Infection Prevention and Control*).



Continuing Medical Education (CME) event – Things that Bite

Join the Health Department at our first Continuing Medical Education (CME) event: *Things that Bite: Rabies and Lyme Disease* on April 25, 2018 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hear from Public Health Ontario experts, Dr. Samir Patel, Dr. Curtis Russell and Dr. Bryna Warshawsky and earn 2 Mainpro+ credits! There is no fee to attend this session. Visit halton.ca/physicianCME to register.



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