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QUEBEC VACCINATION REGISTRY ESTABLISHED IN NUNAVIK

Kuujjuaq, December 10, 2015 – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) is pleased to announce that the vaccination registry, which has been in the implantation stage across the province since June 2014, will be functional in the region as of December 14, 2015. An electronic database, the vaccination registry aims at providing health-network professionals with quick access to a patient's vaccination history in the province.

Adhesion to this system is mandatory, and from now on every vaccine that an individual receives in Québec, regardless of his or her age, will be recorded in the registry. Vaccines given outside the province will be entered in the registry once the information is received.

The vaccination registry contains the following information per individual:

- name;
- date of birth;
- sex;
- health-insurance number;
- home address;
- vaccines already received as well as contraindications, if any (e.g. allergies).

It is important to understand that this database's information is confidential and will be under a strict access protocol. The information can only be accessed by persons granted the proper authorization level. "This registry comes with a full range of benefits for the health-network professionals as well as patients," explained Dr. Serge Déry, Nunavik Director of Public Health of the NRBHSS. "It will allow authorized personnel quick access to a patient's file in regards to vaccination history; in the event of outbreaks of a preventable disease this will come in handy by providing health professionals quick data on who is immunized, therefore avoiding unnecessary vaccination."

You can request a copy of your personal information contained in the Québec vaccination registry by asking for the form and the steps to follow at your CLSC.

The NRBHSS is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. *It is responsible for nearly the entire Québec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.*

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