



National Immunization Awareness Week

IMMUNIZATION: A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURE

Kuujuuaq, April 30, 2010 – “Immunization is one of the safest and most effective preventive measures in the history of medicine. It has contributed to the reduction and even the elimination of many diseases that have ravaged humanity over time. It is important for us not to relax our efforts in this area, in order to prevent such diseases from returning with all the negative consequences that follow.”

The declaration was made today by Dr. Serge Déry, Director of Public Health for Nunavik, on the occasion of National Immunization Awareness Week, scheduled this year for April 24 to May 1. This activity is being held under the care of the Canadian Coalition for Immunization Awareness and Promotion.

“Some diseases occasionally involve particular challenges. Such is the case with mumps, an outbreak of which is presently being observed in Québec. Indeed, our program includes protection against that disease, the complications of which are not negligible. It is therefore important for all individuals to ensure that their vaccination records, as well as those of their children, are up-to-date,” Dr. Déry explained.

In Nunavik, the regular immunization schedule includes a series of vaccines offered free of charge under the Immunization Program, from early childhood up to the sixties and beyond.

“Further, we strongly recommend for individuals aged 65 years and over, as well as for adults whose medical condition renders them vulnerable, to get immunized against pneumococcus infections, which can lead to serious complications and even death,” concluded the Director of Public Health for Nunavik.

You may obtain more information on the vaccines offered by consulting your physician or the CLSC.

At your next visit to the CLSC, take the time to update your health record notebook.

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Akulivik	819 496-9090
Aupaluk	819 491-9090
Inukjuak	819 254-9090
Ivujivik	819 922-9090
Kangiqsualujuaq	819 337-9090
Kangiqsujaq	819 338-9090
Kangirsuk	819 935-9090
Kuujuaq	819 964-2905
Kuujuaaraapik	819 929-9090
Puvirnituaq	819 988-2957
Quaqtaq	819 492-9090
Salluit	819 255-9090
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