

Halton Health Dept. to offer in-school immunization clinics

In February 2016, the Halton Region Health Department will be offering in-school immunization clinics for students born in 1998 and 1999 with incomplete immunizations who are at risk of school suspension.

The provincial Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) outlines which immunizations students must have in order to attend school. Local health departments are responsible for confirming the immunization records of students to ensure they have either the legally required immunizations or required exemption form on file.

This year, students born in 1998 and 1999 who have not provided this information to the Health Department by Feb. 24, 2016, are at risk of suspension starting in April. Families with children born in 1998 and 1999 whose immunization records are incomplete, received notices from the Health Department in July and December of 2015.

"While the majority of families in Halton immunize their children to protect their health, many are unaware that they need to notify the Halton Region Health Department about any immunizations their children have or do not have," said Dr. Hamidah

Meghani, Halton Region's Medical Officer of Health. "We don't want anyone to miss school, so as we enforce provincial immunization legislation, we're making sure it's easy for students to get updated immunizations by holding clinics in their school."

If families do not want to wait for the February in-school clinics, they can also receive all required vaccines through their family doctor and report these immunizations back to the Halton Region Health Department.

Although the Halton Region Health Department is taking steps to ensure the immunizations of students born in 1998 and 1999 are up-to-date, all families are encouraged to review their children's immunization history and make sure the Health Department has updated records either online at halton.ca/immunize, by dialing 311 or by dropping off a copy of their child's immunization record to the Halton Region Health Department at 1151 Bronte Rd. in Oakville.

For more information about the provincial Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) and how immunization keeps children safe and healthy, please visit halton.ca/immunize.



DONATION IS A TIMELESS TREASURE: Tanya Glavina, owner of Timeless Treasures in Georgetown, makes an annual donation to the local hospital foundation and this year's total was \$1,450. Proceeds from fresh flower arrangements and the raffle of a Christmas tree are contributed to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. At the cheque presentation, (from left), Timeless Treasures store managers Jan Nyhof and Calee Jones, along with owner Tanya Glavina, present Georgetown Hospital Foundation volunteer Kim Zangrilli and board-of-directors' chair Allan Kogon with a cheque worth \$1,450 for their annual Christmas contribution to the foundation.

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Police investigate stolen pickup

Halton Regional Police are investigating the apparent theft of a pickup truck that was filled with tools from a rural Halton Hills residence early Saturday morning.

The complainant told police that his green 2003 GMC Sierra that had been parked on the north side of the property when he went to bed at around 10 p.m. Friday and

upon awakening at around 8 a.m. Saturday, the vehicle was gone.

The residence is located on the Fifth Line between Steeles Ave. and 5 Sideroad.

There was no estimate given on the value of the pickup truck or missing tools.

Anyone with information is asked to call 905-878-5511 ext. 2410.

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