

Health Unit Media Release

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Celebrate National Immunization Week from April 23rd to April 30th, 2011

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit would like to remind everyone to stay up-to-date with immunizations to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

What you should know about immunizations:

- Parents are required to submit proof of their child's immunizations to the Health Unit under the Immunization School Pupils Act, 1990. Children who are not up-to-date may be suspended from school.
- Children ages 14-16 years should receive a tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough vaccine.
- All people between the ages of 19 and 40 should verify they have received 2 doses of MMR vaccine for full protection against measles, mumps and rubella. People who have not received these should contact their health care provider or the Health Unit.
- All adults should receive a tetanus and diphtheria vaccine every 10 years.
- Students who are planning to attend College or University may be required to submit proof of immunizations to their academic institution. Students should contact their health care providers or the Health Unit in the late spring to ensure their required immunization information is current for school in September.
- Those who are planning on travelling should check their immunization record to ensure they are up-to-date and protected. Other countries may have occurrences of diseases that do not occur in Canada.
- Some adults may need to show proof of their immunization status for workplace positions. This may include health care providers, first responders, corrections officers, sanitation workers, or piercing and tattoo artists. All these positions may put a person more at risk of acquiring an infectious disease.

People can make appointments with their health care provider or the Health Unit to receive immunizations.

For more information about immunizations, contact the Health Unit by calling the Health ACTION line at 1-800-660-5853 and asking for an Immunization Record Check or by visiting our website at www.healthunit.org/immunization.

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