

Memorandum

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To: Parent of students enrolled in Online Learning in Calgary Zone

From: Joanne Coldham Director, Immunization and Rapid Response
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RE: Immunization Services for Online Learning Students.

These are extraordinary times, and Alberta Health Services (AHS) has had to temporarily shift some of our service deliveries to meet new healthcare demands. As such; to slow down the spread of COVID-19, and to ensure health resources are available to support the urgent needs of all Albertans, **adjustments to some essential services have been made.**

AHS Public Health is working to resume full immunization services as the Alberta COVID-19 Relaunch Strategy progresses. Public Health staff have been supporting COVID -19 testing centers and will resume immunization services during the fall.

- School immunizations that were not completed in the 2019-2020 school year will be completed. Please call your local Community Health Center **after November 1st** to book an appointment in your community.
- Students who are currently enrolled in **Grade 6 Online Learning** will be offered their routine immunizations through a community clinic. Please call to book an appointment after **November 15th**.
- Students who are currently enrolled in **Grade 9 Online Learning** will be offered their routine immunizations through a community clinic. Please call to book an appointment **after January 1st**.
- Please consult the schedule in www.immunizealberta to ensure your student is up to date. Please call 811 if you need more information.

Thanks for continuing to work with us to protect the health of All Albertans.

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