SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025 LETTER TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS ATTENDING AN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Subject: Proof of Measles Vaccination

Back-to-school season is ripe for the spread of a number of viruses, including measles.

Measles is a serious, highly contagious disease that can lead to the following complications:

- 1 in 5 people will be hospitalized;
- 1 in 15 will suffer from pneumonia;
- 1 in 1,000 will have a brain infection;
- o 1 in 3,000 will die.

As soon as **a case of measles is confirmed** in a school, all children and workers who are not protected against the disease are removed from the school. They may not return until they have been vaccinated, or up to 14 days after the last case of measles in the school.

To find out if your child is protected against measles, please check his or her vaccination record to see if he or she has received 2 doses of measles vaccine after the age of 1. If you've lost your child's vaccination record, you can obtain a copy of the information it contains by consulting the Procedure for requesting personal information from the Quebec Vaccination Registry.

If your child is unprotected, he or she can receive the measles vaccine by taking an appointment on www.clicsante.ca Vaccination is not compulsory.

For more information, please call 811 or visit the Direction de santé publique website at the following address: https://www.santemonteregie.qc.ca/en/services/vaccinations-infants-children-and-adolescents.

We thank you for your cooperation.

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