

Community Medicine Newsletter

Important UPDATE

Rotavirus program – birth date eligibility

Dear Colleagues,

Effective immediately, any infants presenting for their 2 month immunizations (as long as they are less than 20 weeks of age) should be offered the Rotarix[™] vaccine. Provincially, the November 1st, 2011 DOB as the eligibility criteria has been removed to accommodate infants who present late and were born earlier. Unfortunately vaccine supply does not allow us to catch-up older infants who present for their 4 and 6 month appointments.

If you require further information, please contact the Immunization/CD Nurse on call at 604-983-6700.

HPV catch up clinics for girls in grades 8 thru 12

For a limited time we are holding free HPV immunization clinics for girls who are eligible for publicly funded vaccine. Appointments can be booked for clinics held Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30pm by calling 604-983-6700 or girls can come to our drop in Youth Clinics for immunizations.

Youth Clinic Locations and Hours:

John Braithwaite Community Centre 145W 1st St., North Vancouver, 2nd floor Mondays 3:15-6:15pm

West Youth Clinic 2121 Marine Dr., West Vancouver, 1st floor Tuesdays 2:30-4:30pm

Parkgate Youth Clinic 3625 Banff Crt. North Vancouver, 2nd floor Thursdays 2:30-4:30pm

For questions, please call the Child & Youth On-Call Nurse line at 604-983-6714.

Sincerely,

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