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Office of the Chief Medical Health Officer

## Measles Outbreak in the Lower Mainland – Vaccine distribution

A few weeks ago, we advised you about the measles outbreak activity and requested your support in immunizing at risk individuals.

Individuals eligible for vaccine include:

- Travellers to locations outside of Canada where measles is circulating.
- Children with no prior MMR vaccine.
- Children due for a MMR vaccine at 12 months or 4-6 years of age.
- Adults born on or after Jan 1, 1970 who are missing a dose of MMR vaccine.

Our call for support was met with an overwhelming interest by a large number of pharmacies. While there isn't a shortage of MMR vaccine to immunize eligible individuals, we have not had enough vaccine to fill the full amount of orders received. To address this situation, vaccine was prioritized to public health clinics, travel clinics, physician offices immunizing young children, and select community locations providing after-hours access.

We will soon be in a position to offer vaccine to more pharmacies. As soon as that occurs, we will call those locations that have already submitted an order. Please take the opportunity to modify your order to meet current client demand as public demand has decreased tremendously over the last week.

Finally, we want to thank you for your patience as we steadily distribute vaccine to an increasing number of pharmacies.

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