

July 2, 2019

The Honorable Christine Elliott  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
Hepburn Block 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1E9

Dear Minister Elliott:

**Immunization for School Children – Seamless Immunization Registry**

On behalf of the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health we are writing to you in support of a letter and accompanying report we received from The Regional Municipality of York where their Regional Council adopted the following recommendation on May 16, 2019:

1. Regional Council endorse the position of the Council of Medical Officers of Health in support of a seamless immunization registry whereby health care providers directly input immunization information at the time of vaccine administration.

Immunization is a crucial part of a healthy lifestyle, preventing disease, reducing health care costs and saving lives. Vaccines are recognized as one of the most successful and cost-effective health investments. Immunization registries electronic systems support the centralized storage and retrieval of immunization events and patient immunization profiles, tracking immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases.

The Electronic Medical Records (EMR) and Digital Health Immunization Repository (DHIR) Integration Project, providing seamless reporting of immunizations from health care providers directly to local public health, will ensure more accurate and efficient vaccine records.

The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit supports the above recommendation, and thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Board of Health



Theresa Marentette  
Chief Executive Officer

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Loretta Ryan, Association of Local Public Health Units  
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