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Dear Colleague:

RE: Measles Outbreak in Quebec

- The Province of Quebec has been experiencing an outbreak of Measles since January 2011. As of June, they have reported over 300 cases. Most of the cases were as a result of importation and secondary transmission. The majority of cases were not up to date with their measles vaccination. There has been no evidence of transmission outside of Quebec.
- In Manitoba, there have been no reported cases this year. One case was reported last year. Prior to 2010, the last case was in 2004.
- Measles is a vaccine-preventable disease. Two doses of measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine are recommended for children. One dose administered on or after the first birthday; the second dose at 4 to 6 years of age, or prior to school entry.
- Manitoba Health recommends you review the immunization records of your clients to ensure their vaccinations are up to date particularly prior to travel, and be on the look-out for cases of measles.

Please refer to the eligibility criteria and immunization schedule document on the website at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/schedules.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact your local public health office.

Yours sincerely,

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