

ALERT for Healthcare Providers: Increase in Student Absenteeism

November 20, 2012

Peterborough County-City
HEALTH UNIT
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The Peterborough County-City Health Unit has received notification from local schools of increases in student absenteeism since November 12, 2012 related to illness. The symptoms reported vary from diarrhea, vomiting, sore throat, headache, cough and fever.

The Health Unit has recommended the following control measures to local schools:

1. Encourage frequent hand hygiene.
2. Clean and sanitize commonly-used surfaces frequently.
3. Advise parents to keep children who are unwell at home.
4. Encourage influenza vaccination for staff and students. Vaccine is available at family physician/nurse practitioner offices or at the last two community influenza vaccine clinics on:
 - Thursday, November 22 – 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Cavan-Monaghan Gymnasium, 988 County Road 10, Millbrook
 - Wednesday, November 28 – 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Activity Haven, Queen Alexandra Building, 180 Barnardo Ave.

If you see children in your practice experiencing these symptoms, please obtain specimens for analysis to determine the cause.

For more information, please call:

Infectious Disease Programs

Public Health Inspectors or Registered Nurses

705-743-1000.

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