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His Worship Bob Bratina
Mayor of the City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your correspondence of January 28, 2011, in which you express your support for the Sudbury and District Board of Health's resolution concerning immunization.

Immunization registries represent the best method of assessing vaccine coverage at the regional level as they measure coverage of a local population. The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) will continue to collaborate with the provinces and territories on the development of a national network of standardized provincial- and territorial-based immunization registries capable of providing an accurate picture of immunization at all levels across Canada. This goal is best achieved through the work of the Canadian Immunization Registry Network, a federal/provincial/territorial working group that provides standards, central coordination, and sustainable planning to support compatible electronic immunization registries in Canada.

I encourage you to continue working with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding the development of immunization registries in the province. Such leadership would assist in the development of immunization registries to best serve your local community, as well as national immunization registry network efforts.

PHAC will continue to conduct national immunization coverage surveys every two years to identify trends and missed opportunities for immunization. In addition, we will monitor national vaccine coverage based on the immunization schedule recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization and provide a national perspective on immunization coverage.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Leona Aglukkaq

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