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Dear Principal/School Administrator,

Re: A Healthy Start to School Resource Package for Kindergarten Registration and Welcome to Kindergarten Events

To support upcoming kindergarten registration and welcome events, Toronto Public Health (TPH) is providing you with the updated *A Healthy Start to School* resource package. This package provides information to share with parents, guardians and caregivers to help students have a healthy start to school. Included in this package are the following electronic resources:

- <u>A Healthy Start to School Booklet</u>: Contains general information for parents, guardians and caregivers to help their child have a <u>healthy start to school</u>.
- Vaccines Tear-off Sheet: Outlines Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule.
 - Report vaccinations to TPH: Parents/ guardians must report their child's vaccinations to TPH online through Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON). Health care providers do not send vaccination information to TPH. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to update TPH when their child receives a vaccination.
 - Proof of vaccination: A digital yellow card will be available to the parent (in late summer or fall) in <u>ICON</u> once TPH processes all online submissions. If proof of vaccination is needed before then, parents can print the confirmation after submitting it online.
- School Lunches and Snacks Resource: Provides nutritious lunch and snack ideas, food safety tips, and information about Canada's Food Guide.
- Vision Health Postcard: Encourages parents, guardians and caregivers to schedule a
 free comprehensive eye exam for their child in preparation for school.

Visit the TPH website for more information about:

- Immunization
- Nutrition
- Vision health
- Dental and oral health
- Other health information and resources for parents, guardians and caregivers

If you require further information/consultation on the above resource, please contact TPH at 416-338-7600 or PublicHealth@toronto.ca.

Parents, guardians and caregivers who have questions should contact TPH by emailing PublicHealth@toronto.ca or calling 416-338-7600 (TTY: 416-392-0658), Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

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