

Collingwood Office Closure

Attention: Collingwood Physicians, CGMH Emergency Department, Collingwood Infection Control Practitioners, Collingwood Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Collingwood Nurse Practitioners

Date: July 29, 2014

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, **Collingwood office**, will be undergoing renovations extending from August to October. As a result, the vaccine fridge in Collingwood will be out of commission from Aug. 8 to Sept. 3.

Vaccine Pickup

Arrangements have been made to ensure physicians' access to vaccines is not interrupted. **The last day for vaccine pickup at the Collingwood office will be Aug. 7.** Please continue to place your orders via fax as is your normal practice. Your order will be delivered by courier directly to your office. Transportation details, including dates and hours of delivery, are currently being completed. Physicians will be able to resume pickup of vaccine packages from the Collingwood office on Sept. 3.

Sexual Health and VPD Clinics

Please also be aware that the sexual health and immunization clinics will be moved from the Pretty River Parkway office to the **Georgian Bay Family Health Team at 186 Erie Street in Collingwood.** Clinics and counselling appointments will be held at that location on alternating Wednesdays. Clients can continue to contact the health unit to book their appointments. **The health unit's immunization clinics are scheduled for Aug. 27 and Sept. 24.**

Needle Exchange Program

If you have patients who access the health unit's needle exchange program, please inform them that they **will not** be able to use this service at the Pretty River Parkway office **between Aug. 13 and Aug. 27.** If they have transportation available there are needle exchanges at the **Barrie, Midland, Alliston and Cookstown offices of the health unit.**

During the most extensive renovations, the office will be closed to the general public. Closure is scheduled from Aug. 13 with reopening on Aug. 28.

While the work continues, staff will remain available for any other inquiries.