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Dear Families, Volunteers, and Service Providers:

Prior to your visit to the Canadian Cancer Society's Camp Goodtimes we need to inform you of our current immunization policies as recommended by the Fraser Health Medical Health Officers and British Columbia's Center for Disease Control (BCCDC). As always, our concern is for the health of all campers, volunteers and staff who take part in Camp Goodtimes.

The Canadian Cancer Society's Camp Goodtimes programs require that anyone attending a Camp Goodtimes program (**participants - including caregivers attending family programs and volunteers**) must be immunized as recommended by the Centre for Disease Control, unless a physician has stated that there is a medical contraindication to a person receiving a particular vaccine – for example: a person is too young to receive the vaccine, a person is undergoing treatment for cancer, etc.

**For the general population:**

- BCCDC Updated Measles Immunization Policy for the General Population, as of September 2011: "For Measles Protection: 2 documented doses of MMR [measles, mumps and rubella vaccine] are recommended for all individuals born on or after January 1, 1957 who do not have a history of lab confirmed measles disease."
- A blood test (titre) can be obtained to prove immunity to Measles

**Notes about timing of doses:**

- If you plan to receive 2 doses of MMR vaccine between now and attending Camp Goodtimes, you will be required to wait 28 days between your first and second dose.
- You cannot attend Camp Goodtimes within 14 days of receiving a dose of MMR vaccine.

**Next Steps:**

- On the following page you will find instructions for getting the booster dose of the measles vaccine and providing Camp Goodtimes with proof of your immunization.

Please contact our Clinical Coordinator Kate Kelsey at [kkelsey@bc.cancer.ca](mailto:kkelsey@bc.cancer.ca) or 604.675.7142 or 1.800.663.2524 ext. 7142 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Instructions for getting the booster dose of the measles vaccine and providing Camp Goodtimes with proof of your immunization**

**Step 1** – For people who do not have documented doses of MMR or meet the exemption criteria.

**Get the appropriate doses of the vaccine (i.e. if you have only had one life time dose, you will need to get a second documented dose)**

Ensure you have the updated measles vaccination **at least 14 days before coming to Camp.**

**If it is not medically possible for you to get the measles vaccine**, please have a nurse practitioner, nurse, or doctor write a letter outlining their reasons.

There is **NO COST** for this vaccine.

Options for getting the booster dose of the measles vaccine:

- Contact your family practitioner
- OR Contact your local health unit

To find a health unit near you:

- Call 1-800-465-4911
- OR Go online:

<http://www.immunizebc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/C0306F02-BCCC-45BA-9559-81A25F270B28/43862/BCHEALTHUNITS25Jan2010.pdf>

## **Step 2 – Provide us with Proof of Immunization**

In addition to providing the dates of your immunizations into the Camp Goodtimes application, **we require one of the following to be sent to us by fax or mail:**

- a copy (not the original) of your immunization card with the dates of the MMR vaccination
- a copy of a blood test that shows your immunity to Measles
- a copy of a doctor's note that confirms a past infection of Measles, or reasons why you can't receive the vaccine

**NOTE:** If you are not able to provide these records, you will not be able to attend any of our camp programs.

**NOTE:** Unvaccinated participants will still be able to attend camp if there is a medically diagnosed rationale for why they can not receive the vaccination (example: undergoing treatment for cancer).

**Send faxes** to the following number: **604.675.7124**

**Send mail** to the following address: **Camp Goodtimes**  
**565 West 10th Ave**  
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**Need more information?**

- You can find clear information at ImmunizeBC: <http://www.immunizebc.ca>