

## Switch from Pediacel to Pentacel

- The Ministry of Health's Vaccine Policy & Programs Branch announced Pentacel is replacing Pediacel as the DTaP-IPV-Hib vaccine provided through the publicly funded immunization program.
- A [Question-and-Answer document](#) has been prepared for Healthcare Providers.

## Chief MOH's annual report addresses substance use harms

- Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore released his 2023 Annual Report, entitled **Balancing Act: An All-of-Society Approach to Addressing Substance Use and Harms**, on March 28, 2024.
- The report is a call for an all-of-society approach to reduce substance use harms -- an approach that recognizes the complexity of human experience with substances, the factors that drive substance use, and how public health policies may conflict with economic policies, and with public attitudes and perspectives.
- Recommendations reflect the best available evidence on interventions that can help to reduce substance use harms.

## Resources for Primary Care Professionals

- April 2024 - [Immunize Canada has created a toolkit for health professionals](#), aimed at improving vaccine confidence and uptake in pregnant Canadians.
  - The toolkit provides PCPs with evidence-based resources to support constructive dialogue and to help pregnant patients make informed choices about vaccination.
  - It gives health professionals clear messaging they can rely on when discussing issues on vaccination in pregnancy with their patients one-on-one.
- March 2024 - New Public Health Ontario report - [Immunization Coverage Report for School Pupils in Ontario: 2019-20 to 2022-23 School Years](#)
  - Report describes immunization coverage for Ontario's publicly-funded routine childhood immunization programs, and is a continuation in a series of reports that aim to support program recovery for the pandemic-affected school years, and provides new estimates for the 2022-23 school year.

## Grey Bruce Public Health Media Releases: February 2024

- April 5, 2024 - [Board of Health approves GBPH budget for 2024](#)
- April 22, 2024 - [Public Health raising awareness of environmental issues this Earth Day](#)