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New website provides information about immunization in Yukon

WHITEHORSE—Yukoners now have access to a website that provides information about common childhood diseases and the immunizations that prevent them.

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley announced today the launch of a website that provides up-to-date, scientifically accurate information to Yukoners about immunizations and communicable diseases and the myths that surround them.

"Immunization is one of the most effective public health interventions in history and has saved millions of lives," Hanley said.

The website answers common questions and provides statistics, news and information about immunizations, including the Yukon immunization schedule for children. It also provides information of specific interest to parents, travellers and health professionals. The website will be updated as new information becomes available.

"Thanks to immunization, there are hundreds of thousands of children today who are not paralyzed by polio; who have not faced the devastation of smallpox or measles; who are not born with birth defects due to rubella; and who have not suffered agonizing deaths from tetanus," Hanley added.

All Yukoners are encouraged to immunize their children, and to make sure their own immunizations are up-to-date.

Learn more:

Visit yukonimmunization.ca

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