

Letter to Families about MMR Vaccine and Mumps Cases in
The King's School

Please complete the consent form and return by Monday January 31,2012

Recently mumps infection has been found in several people at The King's School.

Mumps is an infection of the saliva glands in your mouth. It can cause fever, headache and swollen and painful glands around the jaw. It can be prevented by a vaccine known as the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine. See attached fact sheet for more information.

In Manitoba, 2 doses of MMR vaccine are recommended. **Your child's record in the Manitoba Immunization Registry shows that they are missing one or both doses of this vaccine.** If your own immunization record for your child shows 2 doses of MMR vaccine, please call the public health nurse, Jan at 938-5341 to update our records, or send a copy of your child's vaccine record to the school office.

An immunization clinic for MMR vaccine is planned at The King's School on **Tuesday January 31,2012 from 12:00-3:00 p.m.** Parents/guardians and other family members that live in the child's home who have not had 2 doses of MMR vaccine can also receive MMR vaccine at the same time. People born before 1970 may not need to be immunized, as they may be considered immune.

After reading the attached fact sheets on the MMR vaccine, please:

- **complete and sign the consent form, saying either "yes I do consent" or "no I do not consent" for the vaccine, and**
- **return it to your child's school by Monday, January 31,2012.**

There will be extra consent forms at the clinic for other family members who wish to come to the clinic.

In Manitoba, you can choose whether or not to receive a vaccine; vaccines are only given to children when you say it is OK to do so (which we say is consent of the parent or legal guardian).

Please note that it takes up to 2 weeks for the vaccine to work. The vaccine may not protect your child from mumps if they have already caught the infection from someone with mumps.

If you or your child gets sick with mumps, or if you have questions or cannot come to the immunization clinic, please call the school public health nurse, **Jan Klos**, at **938-5341**.