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HEALTH UPDATE 17 – July 7, 2020

Dear Partners in Health,

Please find enclosed in this update:

1. Public Health Support for Back-to-School Immunizations
2. COVID-19 Animated Informational Videos, appropriate for waiting room use: “Six Steps to Stop the Spread,” “So You’re Sick, Now What?” “What if I need Help,” in English, Amharic, Arabic, and Spanish

Back-to-School Immunizations - How Can Alexandria Health Department Help?

Dear Colleagues,

The COVID-19 pandemic has created significant challenges for healthcare providers working to further protect our pediatric populations from vaccine-preventable diseases. Since April, when childhood vaccination rates were down 45.7% statewide compared to the same time the previous year, your efforts to maintain safe healthcare delivery spaces and reach out to families to communicate the importance of childhood immunizations have greatly contributed to improving vaccination rates, now down 23% compared to the previous year.

With back-to-school just around the corner, Alexandria Health Department would like to know how we can further support your practices with childhood immunization efforts. We will begin messaging to the City of Alexandria community - through ACPS and other channels - about the return-to-school requirements this upcoming week and will be including information about all community resources.

Whether it is supplementing personal protective equipment (PPE) inventory, serving as a referral resource, disseminating messaging to the community, or any other ideas you have in mind, **please send us a message on what would be most impactful to assist you and your staff with this priority effort at:**

https://is.gd/alex_peds_support.

COVID-19 Animated Informational Videos—appropriate for waiting room use

Alexandria Health Department and the City of Alexandria partnered to create the following COVID-19 informational videos below. We hope these will be of service to your practices and patients and help to reduce the impact of COVID-19 in our communities. If you need assistance with setting-up the videos for your waiting area, or need them in a different format, please send a message to kim.luk@vdh.virginia.gov.

Six Steps to Stop the Spread:

1. English: <https://youtu.be/MY3-LqrU7fA>
2. Amharic: <https://youtu.be/godvmCZPq1M>
3. Arabic: <https://youtu.be/qfTrctqaqJo>
4. Spanish: <https://youtu.be/y-TXqA9chwg>

So You're Sick, Now What?

1. English: <https://youtu.be/NqjV5jc2UtM>
2. Amharic: <https://youtu.be/z1buNPqcWdg>
3. Arabic: <https://youtu.be/U5TYWAv5esw>
4. Spanish: <https://youtu.be/pEqg9qTGJU8>

What If I Need Help?

1. English: <https://youtu.be/C15ycn-VBKE>
2. Amharic: <https://youtu.be/MNxgxsvmBrw>
3. Arabic: <https://youtu.be/fAgNnJoPxxI>
4. Spanish: <https://youtu.be/NbEfvRx2SdQ>

Thank you for your partnership in the City of Alexandria's response to COVID-19, and thank you for the care you give to our communities.

For more information on COVID-19:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/Health>

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

Sincerely,



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