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## *To all immunizers -*

One hundred years ago, infectious diseases were the leading cause of death worldwide. In Canada, they now cause less than 5% of all deaths – thanks to immunization programs across the country.

Immunization protects individuals and communities by preventing the spread of disease. As more people are immunized, the disease risk for everyone is reduced. Immunization has saved more lives in Canada in the last 50 years than any other health intervention. Immunization is the single most cost-effective health investment, making it a cornerstone in the effort to promote health.

The Canadian Coalition for Immunization Awareness & Promotion sincerely thanks all immunization providers – physicians, nurses, and pharmacists – across the country for your commitment, dedication and perseverance in helping Canadians avoid vaccine-preventable disease. Every day, in public health units, CLSCs, clinics, hospitals, family practice, health stations and community health centres, health care providers work to protect the health of babies, children, adolescents, and adults.

## *Thank you*