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Public Health Nurse update from the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) Program:

My name is Lindsay Pys and I am the Public Health Nurse (PHN) from the HBHC Program that is working closely with the HFHT offices to promote enhanced well baby care and to strengthen the connection between Public Health and Family Practice. Our program wants to remind all HFHT offices that we are continuing to promote the **Prenatal HBHC Screening tool** to be completed on **all pregnant patients** in your practice regardless of their risk factors and with patient consent, and then fax it to Public Health's number at the top of the screen. You can find the tool within most EMR systems. If you require a paper copy, please contact me. HBHC Program will then review the risk factors on the screen and for low risk patients they will receive a resource package in the mail that will include services from Public Health that could support them during the prenatal period and once they have their baby e.g. prenatal classes, breastfeeding information etc. For moderate or high-risk patients, the HBHC Public Health Program will try to contact them to offer the prenatal home visiting program which is now back providing visits in the client's home. The program works with clients to help them achieve secure parent-child attachment, to facilitate positive parenting and to promote optimal child growth and development.

To date this year, we have received 34 prenatal screens from the HFHT. In 2021 we received 70 screens and in 2020 79 screens.

Please contact Lindsay Pys (PHN) if you have any questions or would like further support implementing universal prenatal screening in your office. You can reach me on my cell phone at 905-977-0728 or by emailing me at Lindsay.Pys@hamilton.ca

Kind Regards,

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