



HOMES AND SENIOR SERVICES

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PURPOSE:

The Medical Officer of Health is to be informed of any suspect or confirmed reportable communicable diseases according to the Ontario Regulation 559/91 and amendments under the Health Protection and Promotion Act

PROCEDURE:

1. Timely reporting at communicable diseases is essential for their control.
2. Consider reportable disease diagnosis in resident.
3. Obtain diagnostic specimens properly
4. Report suspected/confirmed reportable communicable disease:
 - The Manager of Resident Care/delegate will contact the Medical Director and Administrator/Director of Homes and Seniors Services. The Medical Director or Manager of Resident Care or Nurse in charge, on his/her directions, will call the Medical Officer of Health/designate, Southwestern Health Unit, St. Thomas, 519-631-9900 and notify him/her of reportable/communicable disease present in the Home.
5. A current list of reportable diseases is attached and will be amended by Public Health Unit.

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REPORTABLE DISEASES

REPORT TO ELGIN ST. THOMAS PUBLIC HEALTH



Timely reporting of communicable diseases is essential for their control. If you **suspect or have confirmation** of the following "Reportable Communicable Diseases" or their "etiologic agents", (as per Ontario Reg 559/91 and amendments under the Health Protection and Promotion Act) please report them to the local Medical Officer of Health.

IMMEDIATE
Call 519-631-9900 (24 hrs/day, 7 days/week)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anthrax ▪ Botulism ▪ Influenza, novel ▪ Lassa fever ▪ Meningococcal disease, invasive ▪ Poliomyelitis, acute ▪ Rabies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Smallpox ▪ Streptococcal infections, Group A invasive ▪ Tetanus ▪ Tuberculosis, active ▪ Verotoxin-Producing E. coli infection indicator conditions, including Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome ▪ Yersiniosis
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WITHIN 24 HOURS
Call 519-631-9900 (24 hrs/day, 7 days/week)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brucellosis ▪ Clostridium difficile associated disease (CDAD) outbreaks in Public Hospitals ▪ Diphtheria ▪ Food poisoning, all causes ▪ Gastroenteritis, institutional outbreaks ▪ Haemophilus influenza b disease, invasive ▪ Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome ▪ Hemorrhagic Fevers, including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ebola virus disease 2. Marburg virus disease 3. Other viral causes ▪ Influenza (In institutions, all others, except novel influenza, must be reported by the next business day) ▪ Hepatitis, viral <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hepatitis A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legionellosis ▪ Listeriosis ▪ Measles ▪ Mumps ▪ Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) ▪ Paratyphoid fever ▪ Pertussis (Whooping Cough) ▪ Plague ▪ Respiratory infection, institutional outbreaks ▪ Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome ▪ Salmonellosis ▪ Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) ▪ Shigellosis ▪ Tularemia ▪ Typhoid Fever
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NEXT WORKING DAY
Call 519-631-9900 (24 hrs/day, 7 days/week) or fax 519-631-3745 (Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) ▪ Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) ▪ Amebiasis ▪ Campylobacter ▪ Chancroid ▪ Chickenpox (Varicella) ▪ Chlamydia trachomatis infections ▪ Cholera ▪ Cryptosporidiosis ▪ Cyclosporiasis ▪ Encephalitis, including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primary, viral 2. Post-infectious 3. Vaccine related 4. Sub-acute sclerosing panencephalitis 5. Unspecified ▪ Giardiasis, except asymptomatic cases ▪ Gonorrhea ▪ Hepatitis, viral <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hepatitis B/Hepatitis C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leprosy ▪ Lyme Disease ▪ Malaria ▪ Meningitis, acute <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bacterial 2. Viral 3. Other ▪ Ophthalmia neonatorum ▪ Psittacosis/Ornithosis ▪ Q Fever ▪ Streptococcal infections, Group B neonatal ▪ Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive ▪ Syphilis ▪ Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, all types ▪ Trichinosis ▪ Yellow Fever
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I DENTIFY

Consider reportable disease diagnosis in your patient. For more information on reportable disease-specific management and/or provincial surveillance case definitions for reportable diseases, visit www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph_standards/infdispro.aspx

D IAGNOSE

Obtain diagnostic specimens promptly. For more information on specimen collection, handling and transportation, visit www.publichealthontario.ca/en/ServicesAndTools/LaboratoryServices/Pages/Index.aspx

R EPORT

Under the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA), physicians are required to report to the local Medical Officer of Health when, in the course of providing professional services, they have formed the opinion that an individual:

- is or may be infected with an agent of a communicable disease;
- under their care for a communicable disease is refusing or neglecting treatment in a manner and to a degree that is satisfactory to the physician.

Reports of reportable or communicable diseases must contain the following information about the individual involved:

- name and address in full;
- date of birth in full;
- sex;
- date of onset; and
- additional information respecting the reportable or communicable disease, as the case may be, as the Medical Officer of Health considers necessary. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 569, s/ 1(2); O. Reg. 1/05, s. 1 (1).

See reverse for a complete list of reportable diseases and reporting requirements.