



## 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 of 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/IPAC Program Manager will contact the Medical Director and Administrator/Director of Homes and Seniors Services. The Medical Director or Manager of Resident Care/ IPAC Program Manager or Nurse in charge, on his/her directions, will call the Medical Officer of Health/designate, Southwestern Public Health, 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 Southwestern Public Health (SWPH) – see 3.4a.

Once an Outbreak has been declared by SWPH it must be reported to MLTC:

*Reporting to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care:*

An outbreak of a reportable disease or communicable disease as defined by the Health Protection and Promotion Act is to be reported to the MOHLTC immediately by initiating the CIS form online, if the outbreak is identified between the hours of 8am – 5pm Monday to Friday. At all other times, the Ministry's after hour's pager is to be called. In both instances, a full report must be completed online within 10 days of the onset of the outbreak as per legislative requirements.



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