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POST IN: Emergency Department and Physicians Lounge

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RE: Physician Reporting of Diseases of Public Health Significance

Under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, physicians are required to report suspect or confirmed cases of certain diseases to the local Medical Officer of Health. The Halton Region Health Department relies on physician reporting of diseases in order to monitor and protect our community's health.

On May 1, 2018, the provincial list of Diseases of Public Health Significance (aka 'reportable diseases') was updated by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The following diseases have been added to the list and must now be reported to Halton Region Health Department:

- [Blastomycosis](#);
- [Carbapenem-producing Enterobacteriaceae \(CPE\), infection or colonization](#);
- [Echinococcus multilocularis](#) infection;
- Invasive *Haemophilus influenzae* disease, all types (only type b was previously reportable).

Additionally:

- Malaria and Yellow Fever have been removed from the list of diseases;
- Outbreaks of gastroenteritis and respiratory infections in public hospitals must now be reported.

The updated list of Diseases of Public Health Significance can be found [here](#).

Please report all suspected or confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (formerly Reportable Diseases) to the Halton Region Health Department as soon as possible. Diseases marked * should be reported immediately by telephone (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) or fax (Mon-Fri, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm only). Other diseases can be reported the next working day. Dial 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866. For general information, please visit www.halton.ca/physicians. To sign up for important updates by email, visit www.halton.ca/physicianupdates.

If any link provided in this memo does not work, please cut and paste it into your web browser.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/blastomycosis.html>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/BrowseByTopic/InfectiousDiseases/Pages/IDLandingPages/carbapenamase-producing-enterobacteriaceae.aspx>

https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/EM_Information_Health_Care_Providers_2017.pdf

<http://www.halton.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8310&pageId=71922>

Diseases of Public Health Significance

A list of diseases of public health significance (formerly reportable diseases) is provided below. Please note that **all diseases and outbreaks (including presumptive, suspected or confirmed cases) identified in bold with an asterisk (*) must be reported immediately to the Medical Officer of Health by calling 311.**

All other diseases must be reported **by the next business day** to the Medical Officer of Health:

- Call 311 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. OR
- Fax 905-825-8797 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

O. Reg. 135/18 Designation of Diseases under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 7*

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	* Gastroenteritis, outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals	Ophthalmia neonatorum
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	Giardiasis, except asymptomatic cases	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning
Amebiasis	Gonorrhoea	Paratyphoid Fever
* Anthrax	* Group A Streptococcal disease, invasive	Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
Blastomycosis	Group B Streptococcal disease, neonatal	* Plague
* Botulism	* Haemophilus influenzae disease, all types, invasive	Pneumococcal disease, invasive
* Brucellosis	* Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome	* Poliomyelitis, acute
Campylobacter enteritis	* Hemorrhagic fevers, including:	Psittacosis/Ornithosis
Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) infection or colonization	*i. Ebola virus disease	* Q Fever
Chancroid	*ii. Marburg virus disease	* Rabies
* Chickenpox (Varicella)	*iii. Lassa fever	* Respiratory infection outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals
Chlamydia trachomatis infections	*iv. Other viral causes	Rubella
Cholera	* Hepatitis A, viral	Rubella, congenital syndrome
Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) outbreaks in public hospitals	* Hepatitis B, viral	Salmonellosis
* Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, all types	Hepatitis C, viral	* Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
Cryptosporidiosis	Influenza	Shigellosis
Cyclosporiasis	Legionellosis	* Smallpox
* Diphtheria	Leprosy	Syphilis
Echinococcus multilocularis infection	Listeriosis	Tetanus
Encephalitis, including:	Lyme Disease	Trichinosis
i. Primary, viral	* Measles	Tuberculosis
ii. Post-infectious	* Meningitis, acute, including:	Tularemia
iii. Vaccine-related	*i. bacterial	Typhoid Fever
iv. Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis	ii. viral	* Verotoxin-producing E. coli infection, including Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome (HUS)
v. Unspecified	iii. other	West Nile Virus Illness
Food poisoning, all causes	* Meningococcal disease, invasive	Yersiniosis
	Mumps	