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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

FROM: Dr. Joanna Oda, Associate Medical Officer of Health

DATE: September 22, 2025

RE: Register now for Oct 8 Public Health respiratory season webinar & other education sessions

QUICK FACTS

- Register now for the upcoming Mainpro+ accredited webinar (October 8 from 7-8 p.m.), [*Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Focus on fall/winter respiratory pathogens and immunizations – Preparing your practice for Influenza, COVID-19 and RSV*](#). Any interested healthcare professional is welcome to register.
- Learn more about the respiratory diseases you'll be seeing in your practice this fall and winter and how to prevent them through effective immunization, including expanded RSV eligibility. Join Halton Region's Associate Medical Officers of Health, Dr. Patrick Galange and Dr. Joanna Oda, to learn about:
 - the epidemiology of key respiratory pathogens (Influenza, RSV, COVID-19);
 - RSV, COVID-19 and Influenza vaccine guidance for the fall 2025-26 campaign;
 - immunization eligibility and recommendations for RSV, COVID-19, Influenza and Pneumococcal vaccinations;
 - IPAC recommendations for various respiratory pathogens; and
 - symptoms, testing and management guidelines for COVID-19, influenza and RSV.
- For the best experience, use a laptop or desktop, have the Teams app installed and test your internet connection beforehand. Recording will be emailed to all registrants after the event.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EDUCATION SESSIONS

- [Halton Physician Association Clinic Day](#), an in-person event on October 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital in the John Oliver auditorium. [Register online](#) (tickets are \$50) and join experts in pediatrics, dermatology, gynecology and more.
- [ECHO Community of Practice for Child and Youth Mental Health Cycle 20](#) is still open for registration. Sessions run Tuesdays at noon for one hour (1 CME credit/hour, 24 for entire series with no obligation to attend every session). Members of Halton Physician Association recommend this program as user friendly and very applicable to patients and practice. Each session provides great resources around a particular mental health issue/diagnosis including online and community resources for parents and caregivers.

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (only report COVID-19 cases occurring in high-risk settings) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866. PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY TO ALL PHYSICIANS IN YOUR OFFICE AND/OR POST IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND PHYSICIAN LOUNGES. IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH THIS ATTACHMENT, PLEASE EMAIL DOCTORS@HALTON.CA.

Webinar invitation – Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Focus on fall/winter respiratory pathogens and immunizations

Preparing your practice for Influenza, COVID-19 and RSV

Join Public Health to learn more about the respiratory diseases you'll be seeing in your practice this fall and winter and how to prevent them through effective immunization, including expanded RSV eligibility.

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: 7-8 p.m.

Register: [Online](#) ([registration form](#))



Learning objectives:

Overall series learning objective:

By attending the Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians series, participants will be able to identify and discuss relevant and recent information about approaches to the prevention, diagnosis and management of key public health issues impacting their family medicine practice in both rural and urban settings.

Learning objectives for this session:

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand the epidemiology of key respiratory pathogens (Influenza, RSV, COVID-19)
- Understand the RSV, COVID-19 and Influenza vaccine guidance for the fall 2025-26 campaign
- Communicate immunization eligibility and recommendations for RSV, COVID-19, Influenza and Pneumococcal vaccinations
- Reiterate IPAC recommendations for various respiratory pathogens
- Discuss symptoms, testing and management guidelines for COVID-19, influenza and RSV

Submit your questions in advance through the [registration form](#).

Keynote Speakers:



Dr. Joanna Oda, MD, MSc, FRCPC
Associate Medical Officer of Health,
Halton Region Public Health



Dr. Patrick Galange, MD, MBA, MPH,
CCFP, FRCPC
Associate Medical Officer of Health,
Halton Region Public Health

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This one-credit-per-hour group learning program has been certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Ontario Chapter for 1 Mainpro+® credit. This program is part of a series that has been certified for up to 7 Mainpro+® credits.