



Health Department
Halton Region
1151 Bronte Road
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RE: Health Advisory and Precautionary Measures Notification

Dear Healthcare Provider,

Halton Region Public Health has identified an infection prevention and control (IPAC) lapse at **Halton Family Health Centre (HFHC), Walk-in Clinic** located at 2951 Walkers Line, Burlington.

This lapse involved improper practices related to the use of multidose vials, which may have resulted in the contamination of local injectable anesthetics with blood. Consequently, patients who received procedures involving local anesthetics at HFHC between **January 1, 2019 and July 17, 2025**, may have been exposed to blood-borne pathogens.

Procedures that commonly involve local injectable anesthetics include, but are not limited to:

- Laceration repairs
- Intrauterine device (IUD) insertions
- Endometrial and skin biopsies
- Joint injections or aspirations

If your patient did **not** receive any procedures requiring local injectable anesthetics at this clinic during the identified period, **no further action is required**.

Improper use of multidose vials for injectable medications increases the risk of transmission of blood-borne pathogens such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Although the risk of disease transmission is considered low, Halton Region Public Health is advising patients who received local anesthetic injections at HFHC walk-in clinic during the specified timeframe to consult their healthcare provider or visit a walk-in clinic to discuss testing for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV.

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Please see below the Public Health Ontario (PHO) testing recommendation based on exposure timeframe.

Date of last procedure	When to test	What to test
Over 6 months ago	Now only	HIV, HBV*, HCV
Between 3-6 months ago	Now and	HIV, HBV*, HCV
	6 months from last procedure	HBV*, HCV
Less than 3 months ago	Now and	HIV, HBV*, HCV
	3 months from last procedure and	HIV, HBV*, HCV
	6 months from last procedure	HBV*, HCV

*HBV testing is not indicated if the patient has documented serological immunity (anti-HBs titre of at least 10 mIU/mL)

To facilitate testing, please use the [pre-populated General Test Requisition form](#) provided by the patient and available to download at Halton.ca.

Please ensure that the form includes the IPAC Investigation Number: HAL-2025-00002.

Healthcare providers are encouraged to use this opportunity to recommend hepatitis B vaccination for any patients who are eligible and not currently immunized.

For further information, please contact Halton Region Public Health at 905-825-6000 or dial 311.

Sincerely,
Halton Region Public Health

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