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Due to the upcoming G8 and G20 Summits we anticipate an influx of thousands of people into the Greater Toronto Area from June 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, including international leaders, their families and support staff, as well as security staff, protestors, media and other visitors to the area.

In collaboration with many partners who are involved in the planning and response to this large event, Peel Public Health continues to monitor any conditions that may indicate public health risks:

- Peel Public Health inspectors are working to complete inspections of all food establishments along the airport strip prior to the summits.
- In addition to routine surveillance, Peel Public Health also has surveillance systems in place to collect and analyze data from local hospitals to detect possible outbreaks.

Despite the high profile of this event, the most common potential health risks include:

- spread of communicable disease in large crowds;
- imported illness from international travel;
- food-borne illness;
- heat-related illness; and
- injuries related to traffic and/or falls.

Physicians are asked to maintain a heightened level of alertness and suspicion of potential infectious disease outbreaks. Any unusual clusters of symptoms should be reported to Peel Public Health at **905-799-7700**.

Laboratory Submissions

To submit samples from cases related to the G8/G20 summits:

- Please write "SUMMIT RELATED SPECIMEN" on all requisitions.
- Contact the Public Health Laboratory (647-260-7501) prior to submitting any specimens.
- For outbreak-related specimens, also include the outbreak number on all requisitions.

For more information, please refer to the *Guide to G8/G20 Summits Related Clinical and Environmental Testing* at:

<http://www.oahpp.ca/services/public-health-laboratories.html>

Infection Control Measures

Please also remind staff to use appropriate infection control measures, including washing their hands, using hand sanitizers, practising cough etiquette and staying at home if ill.

Communications

To ensure co-ordinated communications during this period, the Region of Peel is working with its local, provincial and federal partners to plan messaging and response.

Health-care providers will be provided information through *Health Professionals Updates*, as needed.

The public will be kept informed of public health issues that may affect them through appropriate media outlets.

For more information call Peel Public health at 905-799-7700 or visit [www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca).