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Cholera Update

Cholera is not a common disease in Canada. However, due to the ongoing cholera epidemic in Haiti, and migration of people from Haiti to Canada, it is possible that cases of cholera could be imported into Peel Region. The outbreak has been ongoing since October 2010, however, no cases have been reported in Ontario as of November 26th, 2010.

Symptoms

In travelers returning from endemic areas:

- Profuse watery diarrhea <5 days after returning from an endemic region
- Vomiting
- Dehydration
- Severe cases may present with electrolyte abnormalities, hypotension, and renal failure

Diagnosis

- Stool culture specifying "Cholera" or "*Vibrio cholerae*" on requisition

Treatment

- Fluid and electrolyte therapy
- Adjunctive antibiotics recommended for severe cases only
- Antimotility agents, analgesics and antiemetics are not recommended

Cholera is a reportable disease. Report all cases to Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.

Update: From December 8, 2010 HPU

The following 18 month Well Baby Assessment information is reprinted with an updated website for downloading resources.

18 Month Well Baby Assessment

- New enhanced 18 Month Well-Baby Assessment provides excellent opportunity to review growth and development. (OHIP Billing Codes: GP/FP-A002 and Paediatrics-A268, \$61)
- Resources for community referrals for growth and development issues are available by calling 905-799-7700 to request a resource package or download resources at: <http://machealth.ca/programs/18-month/p/key-resources.aspx>

Reminder: 2010 Holiday Vaccine Ordering Schedule

Facility	Hours of Operation
Vaccine Order Desk – for regular or emergency vaccine orders As per usual, orders will be available for pick-up <u>2 business days</u> after placing the order.	<u>Open:</u> December 24, 29, 30, 31, 2010; 8:30 am to 4:30 pm <u>Closed:</u> December 27, 28, 2010 January 3, 2011

2010 Holiday Vaccine Pick-Up Schedule

Facility	Hours of Operation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7120 Hurontario Street, Mississauga 	<u>Open:</u> December 24, 29, 30, 31, 2010; 8:30 am to 4:30 pm <u>Closed:</u> December 27, 28, 2010 January 3, 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairview – 325 Central Parkway West, Unit 21, Mississauga • The Davis Centre, 80 Allan Drive, Bolton • Malton – 7330 Goreway Drive, Mississauga • Meadowvale – 6975 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle, Mississauga • South Millway – 2227 South Millway, Mississauga 	<u>Closed:</u> December 24, 2010 to January 3, 2011 (inclusive)

Regular vaccine ordering/pick-up and regular hours of operation at all sites resume on **January 4, 2011**.

If you have any questions about vaccine ordering or inquiries related to vaccine pick-up, contact 905-791-7800, ext. 6404.