UPDATE: Paused Implementation of Immunization Reporting Changes

On June 20th, 2018, the Premier-designate of Ontario, Doug Ford, informed the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) that he is taking the necessary steps to pause the implementation of reporting changes for immunization. According to the Premier-designate, the new Provincial Cabinet will be named on June 29th, 2018, at which time the new Minister of Health will work with the OMA to prioritize an acceptable solution for immunization reporting by health care providers to public health.

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) has confirmed this information and says that no further information is available at this time.

Region of Peel – Public Health will also pause activities related to health care provider reporting, including the pilot of the online web application, Immunization Connect Ontario for Health Care Providers (ICON HCP).

Tick Submissions: Additional Drop-off Locations

There are two additional drop-off locations where ticks can be submitted for identification and testing. Ticks found on humans can now be dropped off at the following Region of Peel locations:

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<td>Service Peel 7120 Hurontario St., Mississauga [Map]</td>
<td>Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Town of Caledon Administration Building 6311 Old Church Rd., Caledon East* [Map]</td>
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<td>Service Peel 10 Peel Centre Dr., Brampton* [Map]</td>
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*additional location

Additional information about immunization reporting will be provided as it becomes available.

There is a national shortage of erythromycin ophthalmic ointment.
When patients provide a tick (dead or alive) for testing:

- Place the specimen in a small container with a tight fitting lid; and

Please remind patients not to submit ticks found on pets as only blacklegged ticks found on humans will be tested for Lyme disease.

NOTE: Do not wait for tick testing results before beginning treatment, if indicated.

**Erythromycin Shortage**

The MOHLTC has indicated that there is a national shortage of erythromycin ophthalmic ointment (indicated for the prophylaxis of ophthalmia neonatorum).

The MOHLTC has communicated this shortage to the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) and is coordinating this shortage with other provinces and territories. Hospitals are encouraged to share locally with other hospitals in their LHIN or a neighbouring LHIN to help address acute supply requirements.