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

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

DATE: April 22, 2024

RE: Register for this Wednesday's (April 24) measles webinar for healthcare professionals

QUICK FACTS

- [Register now](#) for the upcoming Mainpro+ accredited webinar (Wednesday, April 24 from 7-8 p.m.), [Measles has arrived in Halton – Information on preventing, testing and managing suspected measles for healthcare providers.](#)
- Any interested healthcare professional is welcome to register.
- Join Halton Region Public Health, the Halton Physician Association and the Burlington Community Physician Council to:
 - Understand the current state of measles in Halton and Ontario
 - Describe measles symptoms and steps to take if measles is suspected
 - Identify who is at greatest risk for contracting measles
 - Explain routine and high risk measles immunization recommendations
 - Know where to access resources and tools to support clinical practice
- Halton region recently saw its first case of measles in more than 5 years, with Ontario already seeing more measles cases in 2024 than in all of 2023.
- Halton Region Public Health has investigated more than 49 individuals who were contacts of confirmed measles cases between January 2024 and March 2024.
- Healthcare professionals without documentation of proof of immunity, regardless of age, will be excluded from work if deemed to be exposed to a confirmed measles case.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Measles webinar registration page](#), Halton Region Public Health
- [Measles case confirmed in Halton Region](#), Halton Region, April 10, 2024
- [Measles](#), Ontario College of Family Physicians, March 18, 2024
- [Measles: Information for Health Care Providers](#), Public Health Ontario, 2nd Edition, March 15, 2024
- [Testing indications for measles](#), Public Health Ontario, April 10, 2024

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.

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Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: *Focus on measles*

Measles has arrived in Halton – Information on preventing, testing and managing suspected measles for healthcare providers

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024
Time: 7-8 p.m.
Register: Online ([registration form](#))

Halton region currently has its first case of measles in more than 5 years. With Ontario seeing an increase in this extremely contagious disease, it's more important than ever that you know how to protect yourself, your staff and your patients from measles.

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 what the data tells us about measles in Halton and Ontario
- Describe measles symptoms and steps to take if measles is suspected
- Identify who is at greatest risk for contracting measles
- Explain routine and high risk measles immunization recommendations
- Know where to access resources and tools to support clinical practice

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

Keynote Speaker:



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