

March 12, 2015

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-in Clinics, Hospitals – Administration, Emergency, Infection Control, Occupational Health; Correctional Services, EMS

**RE: CHANGES TO THE LIST OF COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY MERS-COV**

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has updated the list of countries experiencing local transmission of the Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) on its Guidance for Health Care Workers and Health Sector Employers on Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) website.

These countries are all located in the Middle East and include Jordan, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

As this list of affected countries is subject to change, health care workers and health sector employers should review this website regularly for the latest information.

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/guidance.aspx>

Health sector employers and health care workers may continue to contact the ministry's Health Care Provider Hotline at [emergencymanagement.moh@ontario.ca](mailto:emergencymanagement.moh@ontario.ca) or at 1-866-212-2272 with questions about MERS-CoV.

For the latest updates on the MERS-CoV virus, including the total number of cases and deaths, visit the World Health Organization's Global Alert and Response website. In addition, the Ministry maintains a website with information on MERS-CoV for health workers at

[www.ontario.ca/novelcoronavirus](http://www.ontario.ca/novelcoronavirus).

Travel health recommendations can be found at <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/index-eng.php>.

Health Care Providers are requested to report all persons under investigation, probable and/or confirmed cases to the HKPR District Health Unit, Communicable Disease Control, Epidemiology & Evaluation Department.

If you have questions, please call the Health Unit and ask to speak with a nurse in the Communicable Disease Control, Epidemiology & Evaluation Department.

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