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TO: Occupational Health Staff at Hospitals Located in South Eastern Ontario

FROM: Public Health Unit Communicable Disease Program Managers from South Eastern Ontario

RE: Health Care Worker Immunizations

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Over the past year there has been a noticeable increase in vaccine preventable diseases circulating in South Eastern Ontario - most notably, measles, mumps, and pertussis.

As a result of outbreak investigations, it has become apparent that health care workers' immunizations are not up-to-date.

To prepare for possible vaccine preventable disease outbreaks, we strongly recommend that Occupational Health teams review the immunization status of their health care workers and recommend compliance as per:

- the Canadian Immunization Guide (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-part-3-vaccination-specific-populations/page-11-immunization-workers.html>) and
- OHA protocols (<https://www.oha.com/labour-relations-and-human-resources/health-and-safety/communicable-diseases-surveillance-protocols>)

Feel free to contact your local public health unit for more information.

Thank you.

Communicable Disease Program Managers from:

- Eastern Ontario Health Unit
- Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit
- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health
- Kingston Frontenac Lennox and Addington Public Health
- Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit
- Peterborough Public Health
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit

