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Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals - Emergency Rooms / Infection Control / Occupational Health, Walk-In Clinics, Corrections, EMS, LTCHs, RHs

RE: ANTIVIRAL MEDICATION FOR INFLUENZA

Public Health Ontario (PHO) has developed a fact sheet for health care providers for antiviral medications to treat and prevent influenza. The fact sheet can be found on the PHO website by entering the following link.

http://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Antiviral_Medication_Influenza_Fact_sheet_2016.pdf

This fact sheet includes information about current medications, recommendations for their use (including in institutional outbreaks), and links to other resources. This will support health care providers in making decisions for the use of antiviral medications.

PHO recently released another fact sheet for health care providers explaining recommendations for live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) and the inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV) for children and adolescents in the 2016-2017 influenza season. The fact sheet can be found on the PHO website by entering the following link.

http://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/LAIV_IIV_Factsheet_for_HCP_2016.pdf

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