

September 25, 2017

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals - Emergency Rooms / Infection Control / Occupational Health, Walk-In Clinics, Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, EMS, Corrections

RE: MUMPS ACTIVITY IN ONTARIO

The Health Unit has received notification of increased mumps activity in Ontario.

Mumps should be considered in individuals presenting with acute onset of unilateral or bilateral tender, self limiting swelling of the parotid or other salivary gland, lasting greater than two days, and without other apparent cause.

If clients present to your office with symptoms of Mumps, please test them following the diagnostic test recommendations from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (link below).

Diagnostic Test Recommendations for Mumps

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Diagnostic%20Test%20Recommendations%20for%20Mumps%20-%20April%202010%20final.pdf>

Mumps – Fact Sheet

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization/docs/hcp_fact_sheets_mumps.pdf

Please notify the Health Unit of all individuals who are being tested for Mumps and continue to report suspect and confirmed cases.

Please continue to immunize as recommended in the “Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario – December 2016”, confirming your patient community and Health Care staff have two Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccines. In Ontario, susceptibility of young adults to Mumps infection identified in the cohort born between approximately 1980 and 1992 can be attributed to the receipt of a single dose of mumps-containing vaccine, as well as the circulation of wild virus.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Health Unit and ask to speak with a Nurse in the Communicable Disease Control, Epidemiology & Evaluation Department.

NOTE: For easier access to the above web links, visit the Health Unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca) for electronic copies of all current – and previous – editions of FAX Facts. Go to the ‘Resources & Forms’ header at the top of the web page, and use the drop-down menu to click on the ‘Health Care Professionals’ section (a link to FAX Facts is posted there). A direct link is also provided below:

www.hkpr.on.ca/ResourcesForms/HealthCareProfessionals/FAXFacts.aspx

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