

January 17, 2017

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

**RE: LAB CONFIRMED MUMPS ACTIVITY IN HKPRDHU JURISDICTION**

The Health Unit has received notification of a lab confirmed case of Mumps in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

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](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.**

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