

Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals

## Amendments to the *Mandatory* Blood Testing Act, 2006

The *Mandatory Blood Testing Act, 2006* (MBTA) allows individuals who have come into contact with the bodily substances of another person to make an application under the Act to determine the HIV, Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C status of the source individual. An applicant can access the process if the incident occurred as a result of:

- Being a victim of crime
- Providing emergency health care services or emergency first aid; or
- In the course of their duties, if the person belongs to a prescribed class:
  - Correctional institution employees
  - Police officers (including civilian employees of a police service), First Nations constables, and auxiliary members of a police service
  - Special constables (officers who are not employees of a police service)
  - Firefighters (including volunteer firefighters)
  - o Paramedics and emergency medical attendants (including students in field training)
  - o Members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario
  - o Members of the College of Nurses of Ontario
  - Medical or nursing students engaged in training

## Updates

As of July 1, 2023, the MBTA administrative forms have been updated and digitized. The changes to the forms impacting physicians are limited and do not significantly change the amount or substance of information that physicians need to provide.

The updated Form 1 – Physician Report pursuant to the Mandatory Blood Testing Act, 2006 should be completed and provided to the applicant. It can also be located on the provincial Central Forms Repository webpage (https://forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca/)

For more information on the MBTA, visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/mandatory-blood-testing

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