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## Updated List of Diseases of Public Health Significance and NEW Online Institutional Outbreak Notification

The list of **diseases of public health significance** is mandated by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care through O.Reg. 135/18 Designation of Diseases, under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA). For Durham Region, the most recent version of the list can be accessed at <https://www.durham.ca/dphs>.

Local **health care providers** are **required to report** these diseases to the Durham Region Health Department **as soon as possible (by next work day)**. **Certain diseases** on the list are bolded because they are recommended for **immediate reporting** to DRHD.

As a reminder, section 30 of the HPPA requires that a **physician** or **registered nurse in the extended class** who signs a medical certificate of death where a disease of public health significance was the **cause of death** or a **contributing cause of death**, shall report to the local Medical Officer of Health of the health unit in which the death occurred.

NEW! The weekly **institutional outbreak status report** is now available **online** at [durham.ca/HCP](http://durham.ca/HCP). The *Ontario Public Health Standards* emphasize transparency and DRHD will continue to work with stakeholders to provide the most relevant information in a timely manner. The number of stakeholders interested in institutional outbreak notification has increased over the years as the circle of care grows. The outbreak status report will be updated **weekly** (usually late Friday afternoon) and **more often** during the week **when more outbreaks are occurring**. DRHD encourages its stakeholders to subscribe to **Durham Region Institutional Outbreaks webpage** at <https://www.durham.ca/OutbreakReport> to receive automatic notifications when this list is updated.

Health care provider resources now available to order online [durham.ca/HCP](http://durham.ca/HCP).

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