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. 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.

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