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National Rifampin Shortage

Please be advised there is a national shortage of rifampin 150 mg and 300 mg capsules used for the treatment of **active tuberculosis** and **latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI)**. This shortage is expected to extend into **September 2019**.

To manage this situation effectively, Durham Region Health Department is working closely with the Ministry of Health and Medical Pharmacies to ensure any rifampin is distributed to the following **priority patients**:

- **Active cases of tuberculosis**
- **LTBI cases that have already initiated rifampin**

Initiation of rifampin for any new LTBI cases should be deferred until this issue is resolved. We will provide additional updates as more information becomes available.

For further information, please contact the infectious diseases intake line at:

905-668-7711 ext. 2926 or 1-800-841-2729 ext. 2996

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If you prefer to receive this information in an electronic format please submit your request to healthresources@durham.ca

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-877-777-9613.