Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Update #4

Currently, there are no cases of 2019-nCoV in Durham Region and the risk to residents remains low. The 2019-nCoV case definition has been expanded to include travel history to mainland China (attached).

If a patient visiting your health care facility meets case definition:

- Contact Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) to report the case and determine next steps at 905-668-7711 ext 2996 or after hours 905-576-9991
- Contact the Public Health Ontario Laboratory as 2019-nCoV testing requires approval.
- After the test is taken, the patient should self-isolate at home while awaiting results.
- DRHD will begin follow-up with patients who have been tested.

Health care providers facing immediate challenges with their personal protective equipment supply levels can email the Ministry of Health at EOCLogistics.MOH@ontario.ca.

Guidelines with respect to contact management have not yet been confirmed by the Ministry. Questions about contact management can be directed to Durham Health Connection Line (905) 668-2020.

The Ministry will continue to finalize guidance documents and post them on its website. DRHD will continue to monitor the situation and provide information as it becomes available. Information will also be posted on durham.ca/HCP. You can subscribe to this webpage to get email updates.