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## Rifampin Shortage

Please be advised there is a **shortage of rifampin 150mg and 300mg** capsules used for the treatment of active and latent tuberculosis (LTBI). The length of the shortage is not known at this time.

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

- Active cases of tuberculosis
- LTBI cases that have already initiated treatment with 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.

In addition, there continues to be a **shortage of ethambutol 100mg and 400mg**. Please continue to be judicious when ordering ethambutol for active tuberculosis cases.

For further information, please contact the infectious diseases intake line at: 905-668-7711 ext. 2996 or 1-800-841-2729 ext. 2996

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

**Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-2020, 1-800-841-2729**

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