



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



TB Medication Shortage

Rifampin Shortage:

The Ministry of Health has built up its stockpile of **Rifampin 150 mg** and **300 mg** tablets therefore will be removing restrictions on ordering as of **Monday, June 22, 2020**. Moving forward, there will be an **ordering cap** on Rifampin products due to the ongoing potential instability in the market. While we encourage you to offer Rifampin for the treatment of LTBI only order for your current and near-term need.

Ethambutol Shortage:

Please be advised the Ministry of Health continues to experience a shortage with **Ethambutol 100 mg** and **400 mg** tablets. These products will continue to be restricted in ordering and we will provide a further update when supply is replenished and when normal ordering can resume. **Please continue to be judicious when ordering Ethambutol for your active TB cases.**

Durham Region Health Department will continue to monitor the situation closely to ensure TB medication is distributed to the following **priority patients**:

- Active TB cases
- LTBI cases that have already initiated treatment with Rifampin

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. 2996 or 1-800-841-2729 ext. 2996

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