



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



***Candida auris (C. auris)* Reporting**

In January 2025, the Ministry of Health added *Candida auris* (*C. auris*) infection as a Disease of Public Health Significance. *C. auris* is a highly transmissible, often multi-drug-resistant fungus, which can cause invasive disease and mortality. First detected in Canada in 2017, this emerging pathogen has caused persistent health care facility outbreaks worldwide. *C. auris* spreads through direct or indirect contact, including fomites or colonized individuals. It can survive on surfaces for weeks and resists common disinfectants like quaternary ammonium.

Starting July 1, 2026, reporting will be expanded to include any cases of *C. auris* colonization.

Clinical Signs of *C. auris*

Symptoms are often non-specific and depend on site of infection (e.g. urinary tract, central line, meninges, etc.). People at higher risk for infection, colonization, or invasive disease include those who:

- Are immunocompromised
- Require intensive or complex medical care
- Use indwelling catheters or other invasive devices
- Receive parenteral nutrition
- Take broad-spectrum antimicrobials, and/or
- Recently had surgery

Reporting

Please report any suspected or confirmed cases of *C. auris* as well as cases of *C. auris* colonization.

- Phone: 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 (press option 3)
- Confidential Fax: 905-666-1833
- After Hours Phone: 905-576-9991 or 1-800-372-1104
- Access the [Notification Form](#) at www.durham.ca/hcp (under Forms, Reporting)

Additional Resources

- PHAC: [Candida auris Infection Prevention and Control in Canadian Healthcare Settings](#) 2024
- Public Health Ontario: [Focus on Candida auris](#) 2023
- CDC: [Clinical Treatment of C. auris infections](#) 2024

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If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

