

Ontario Ebola Virus Response: Updated Directives and Resources

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Family Health Teams, Infection Control Practitioners, Occupational Health Professionals, Emergency Departments, NSM LHIN, Central LHIN, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services, Medavie EMS Ontario – Muskoka, Rama Mnjikaning EMS, Midwives, Pharmacies, Dental Offices, NSMICN

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The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) continues to enhance its emergency preparedness and response to the Ebola virus disease (EVD). The MOHLTC is taking measures to ensure that the province's health sector is prepared should a traveler return from a country where EVD is currently circulating and the traveler is suspected of having the disease.

The Ministry has updated and/or developed new directives which provide specific precautions, procedures and screening to be followed by primary care providers, paramedic services, designated hospitals and screening hospitals. The guidance in these directives can be implemented in principle for primary care providers not working in ambulatory care settings such as pharmacies, midwifery practice groups, dental offices and other non-ambulatory care settings; however, the directive is not mandatory in these settings at this time. It is expected that all organizations subject to these directives will take immediate steps to review these measures.

Updated directives include:

- Chief Medical Officer of Health Directive for Paramedic Services
- Chief Medical Officer of Health Directive for Primary Care Settings

New directives and resources include:

- Chief Medical Officer of Health Directive regarding Waste Management for Designated Hospitals and All Paramedic Services
- Fact Sheet: Management of Fever in Persons under Investigation for Ebola at Screening Hospitals

All new and revised documents are available at: www.ontario.ca/ebola

Under the Public Health Agency of Canada's (PHAC) Quarantine Services Program, returning travelers from affected countries in West Africa continue to be referred to their local public health unit.

Health sector employers and health care workers can continue to contact the Ministry's Health Care Provider Hotline by email at emergencymanagement.moh@ontario.ca or phone at 1-866-212-2272 about EVD. Please continue to check the Ministry website at www.ontario.ca/ebola for updated information.

If you suspect a case of Ebola or have questions regarding proper specimen collection, contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Communicable Disease Team at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Ext. 8809