

Severe Respiratory Illness Alert: Reference Document



To: Physicians and Nurse Practitioners, Hospital, Long Term Care Facilities, EMS, Laboratories, Pharmacies

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Health Care Provider Recommendations, Case Definition, Laboratory Testing, and Treatment
Refer to Important Health Notices at <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/emu/ihn.html>. All settings should have signage posted advising all patients of the procedures being used and requesting that patients with new/worsening cough or respiratory illness perform hand hygiene and don a procedure mask. See the appendix of the Important Health Notice for the sign.

Travel to Mexico

For the current travel advisory, go to the Public Health Agency of Canada at <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/index-eng.php>.

Influenza Vaccine

In Peterborough County and City, individuals can contact their family physician for the influenza vaccine or book an appointment at the Health Unit Immunization Clinic at (705)743-1000 ext. 301.

Phone Numbers for more information

Public Health Agency of Canada: (800)454-8302

Peterborough County-City Health Unit: (705)743-1000

Disease Statistics

World: World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

Canada: Public Health Agency of Canada <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/index-eng.php>

Ontario: Ministry of Health <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/emu/ihn.html>

Peterborough: Peterborough County-City Health Unit www.pcchu.ca

Important Websites and Documents

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Important Health

Notice: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/emu/ihn.html>

Public Health Agency of Canada: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/index-eng.php>

Centre for Disease Control: <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/contentSwineFluTravel.aspx>

World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

Peterborough County-City Health Unit: www.pcchu.ca

Febrile Respiratory Illness Guidelines

(Ontario): http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/infectious/diseases/ic_fri.html

Infection Control in the Physician's Office: <http://www.cpsso.on.ca/policies/guidelines/default.aspx?id=1766>

Laboratory Specimen Collection Guide: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/pub/labs/specimen.html>

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