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REQUESTS FOR MMR VACCINE

Recently we have been in receipt of an unusually high number of requests for the MMR vaccine. Upon investigation we learned these requests stem from a recent media release from the American Society for Microbiology: <https://asm.org/Press-Releases/2020/MMR-Vaccine-Could-Protect-Against-the-Worst-Sympto>

Southwestern Public Health has since sought advice from the Ministry of Health and Public Health Ontario regarding the use of MMR vaccine as a COVID-19 preventive intervention. We were informed that Ministry of Health does not publicly fund this vaccine as a prevention strategy for COVID-19. The Ministry is collaborating with Public Health Ontario who is looking further into evidence and relevant information that will help inform future guidance and/or official messaging on this topic. We will not be distributing MMR vaccine for this purpose. We will reconsider should the eligibility criteria change.

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