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## June Public Health Update

### Elgin St. Thomas Public Health [TB Skin Testing Clinic](#): Changes

- As of June 5, 2017, TB skin testing will be done by appointment only for residents of Elgin St. Thomas. To book an appointment, call 519-631-9900.
- TB skin testing will be done free of charge for students who are required to have a TB skin test by an educational institution for a program of study.

### Tubersol® for Clinical Office Practices: [Tubersol Order Form](#)

Did you know... the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has requested health units apply the MOHLTCs interim eligibility requirements when distributing publicly-funded Tubersol®.

According to the MOHLTC, Tubersol® is publicly funded (OHIP-insured) in instances where:

- Clients are identified as contacts of an active TB case;
- Tests deemed to be “medically necessary” by the client’s health care provider;
- Clients under the age of 65 who are entering long-term care facilities. Note: Screening via TST is not recommended for clients over the age of 65;
- Required by an educational institution for admission or continuation in a child care or pre-school program, or a program of study in a school, community college, university or other educational institution.

For additional information about criteria and appropriate use guidelines refer to this [INFOBulletin](#)

Privately purchased Tubersol® should be used for all other testing requirements, including:

- Employment, volunteer placements and entry into other group residential facilities other than long-term care homes, including retirement homes.

When uninsured testing is done, Tubersol® should be either:

- Acquired by a physician and sold to the patient at a direct cost (with reasonable mark-up to account for any indirect costs (e.g., storage, administrative, etc.);
- Acquired by the patient from the pharmacy, via prescription provided by a physician. To find a pharmacy that carries Tubersol®, patients can search the Ontario College of Pharmacists’ website <https://members.ocpinfo.com/search/Search.aspx>.

### Tuberculosis: Reporting Requirements

Please report all suspected or confirmed cases of TB including positive TB skin tests and other reportable diseases to Elgin St. Thomas Public Health at 519-631-9900 ext. 1232 or use the [report form](#).

### [Latent and Active TB Information for Clinicians](#)

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## **Rabies Update**

**NEW Guidance Document (April 2017) - [Management of patients with suspected rabies exposure: Guidance for health care providers working with your local public health unit](#)**

## **Echinococcus multilocularis**

Echinococcus multilocularis is a new, yet still rare parasitic tapeworm in Ontario. Public Health Ontario has developed two new resources for health care providers:

- [Five things for clinicians to know](#): A brief overview with key messages you need to be aware of.
- [Information for health care providers](#): Detailed information to understand the epidemiology and recommendations for diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

E. multilocularis infection can cause slowly progressing, but serious disease. It is transmitted from canids (dogs, coyotes, foxes) and rodents. It may now be endemic in Ontario.

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