



Public Health Update – June 2018

Diseases of Public Health Significance (formerly Ontario Reportable Diseases List)

- The list of Diseases of Public Health Significance has been reformatted and revised. The new changes include:
 - Updated health unit name, logo and contact information; and,
 - Diseases are now listed under two categories: “report immediately” and “report by the next working day”.
- Please refer to the attached list and disregard the previous version. To view an electronic copy on our website, please [click here](#). This will include hyperlinks to disease specific, diagnostic and clinical/case management information.
- Recent changes were made to the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) that have resulted in a modernized Diseases of Public Health Significance List. The updated HPPA, including Regulation 569 and Regulation 135/18 (Designation of Diseases), are available online at: www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h07.

As of May 1, 2018, the following notable changes came into effect:

Change to the HPPA	What's new	What it means for you
Diseases of Public Health Significance	New consolidated list of regulations into one regulation which clearly outlines what diseases are designated as communicable, virulent and diseases of public health significance (formerly reportable disease)	The table of diseases that are reported to Medical Officers of Health are in one regulation.
	Updated list of disease reported to Medical Officers of Health	The following diseases have been added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbapenamase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE), colonization or infection • Blastomycosis • Echinococcus multilocularis infection The following diseases have been removed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow Fever

Change to the HPPA	What's new	What it means for you
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malaria <p>The following diseases have been modified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Haemophilus influenzae b disease, invasive” changed to “Haemophilus influenza disease all types, invasive” • Respiratory infection and gastroenteritis outbreaks in institutions includes outbreaks in public hospitals

NutriSTEP screening identifies nutritional risk in children

- **Beyond BMI** is a collaboration between public health and primary care.
- See this [link](#) for their final report.
- Their research demonstrates that comprehensive, high quality information on NutriSTEP®, along with heights and weights, can be collected and extracted from the electronic medical records (EMRs) of primary care practices across Ontario.
- **NutriSTEP® was acceptable to, and valued by, primary care practitioners, patients and families.**
- Incorporating NutriSTEP® into the EMR with automated scoring of nutritional risk level supports Family Health Teams in their clinical decision-making through early identification, management and referral for at-risk children and their families.
- In this study, almost 5% of children were at nutritional risk.
- Further information on supporting the implementation of NutriSTEP® in primary care practices in your area can be found at nutristep.ca under *What can this bear do for you*

Dermatology topics for Primary Care Rounds

- Do you have a dermatology education need?
- Please provide topic ideas for upcoming primary care rounds held monthly at STEGH to jlock@swpublichealth.ca