

# Legislative Changes Add New Reporting Responsibilities

## Additional reporting requirements in effect May 1, 2018 for all health care providers

Recent changes to the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) add new reporting responsibilities for all health care providers in Ontario. These changes impact reportable diseases of public health significance (formerly known as the Ontario Reportable Disease List) and reportable events following immunization (also known as adverse events following immunizations (AEFIs)). These changes took effect on May 1, 2018.

### Diseases of Public Health Significance

Changes to the HPPA impact the list of diseases reportable to the local Medical Officers of Health.

#### **Added to the list:**

- Carbapenamase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) colonization or infection
- Blastomycosis
- *Echinococcus multilocularis* infection.

#### **Removed from the list:**

- Yellow fever
- Malaria

#### **Changes to reporting requirements:**

- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b disease, invasive expanded to all types of invasive *Haemophilus influenzae* disease.
- Outbreaks of respiratory infections and/or gastroenteritis that occur in public hospitals are now reported to York Region Public Health as an institutional outbreak.

You can report a disease or outbreak in York Region by calling 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73588 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 905-953-6478 after hours.

### Reporting of AEFIs

Health care providers must now report AEFIs for all vaccines authorized for use in Canada. All health care providers that provide immunization are required to report the following information relating to AEFIs:

- The name and address of the facility where the AEFI was attended to (new requirement)
- The date seen
- The name and address of the person who reported the AEFI
- All vaccines received prior to and potentially associated with the AEFI

Health care providers in York Region can report AEFIs to Public Health by faxing a completed report of adverse event following immunization form to 905-898-5213 or by calling 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73452.

York Region Public Health is committed to helping health care providers meet these new requirements. For additional information on changes to the HPPA, please see the attached notice from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

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