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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medical officers of health, health workers, health sector employers and other health system partners

RE: Guidance for Enterovirus D68 on the Public Health Ontario website

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is collaborating with the Public Health Agency of Canada, Public Health Ontario (PHO), Ministry of Labour and other health system partners to monitor the evolving Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) situation across North America and take measures to ensure health system readiness.

To date, there have been 130 laboratory confirmed cases of EV-D68 across 12 states in the United States. In addition, Alberta has identified 18 laboratory-confirmed cases and British Columbia has laboratory confirmation of 3 cases.

In Ontario, EV-D68 is not a reportable disease; as such, there are no data on the typical number of seasonal EV-D68 cases. However, it is important to note that enteroviruses are very common viruses, and it is not uncommon to see a spike of enterovirus infections in fall. As of today, Ontario has identified laboratory-confirmed cases of EV-D68 in the province.

PHO has developed guidance for public health units, health workers and health sector employers which can be found on their [website](#) and includes information on laboratory testing and infection prevention and control measures. The PHO website will be continuously updated as new information becomes available and I encourage health system partners to visit it regularly at <http://www.publichealthontario.ca/EV-D68>.

Please continue to use your established communication channels to share this information with health care providers and other health workers in your networks and organizations.

As always, the ministry is available to support you during urgent situations that may arise. You can contact the ministry on a 24/7 basis through the Health Care Provider Hotline at 1-866-212-2272.

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