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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medical Officers of Health, CEOs, and Board Chairs

RE: Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability

Dear Colleagues,

Further to the December 29th memo which included the release of the official Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability (Standards), we are now releasing a second installment of incorporated protocols and guidelines.

The Standards and incorporated protocols and guidelines are published by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care under the authority of section 7 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) to specify the mandatory health programs and services provided by boards of health.

The following official protocols and guidelines are attached and effective immediately:

- Immunization for Children in Schools and Licensed Child Care Settings Protocol;
- Infection Prevention and Control Complaints Protocol;
- Infection Prevention and Control Disclosure Protocol;
- Infection Prevention and Control Protocol;
- Infectious Diseases Protocol;
- Rabies Prevention and Control Protocol;
- Food Safety Protocol;
- Health Hazard Response Protocol;
- Safe Drinking Water and Fluoride Monitoring Protocol;
- Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Protocol;
- Qualifications for Public Health Professionals Protocol;
- Operational Approaches for Recreational Water Guideline;
- Small Drinking Water Systems Risk Assessment Guideline; and
- Recreational Water Protocol.

The remaining incorporated protocols and guidelines will be released at a later date and will come into effect on the date of release. Please see Appendix 1 for a summary of protocols

and guidelines including those released on December 29th, those released today and those anticipated in the coming weeks. As previously communicated, it is expected that boards of health will continue to operate business as usual until the remaining new protocols and guidelines have been released. The ministry will continue to work with all our health unit partners to support you as you implement the new Standards, protocols and guidelines.

All the documents circulated today will also be available on the Ministry's website in English and French in the next few weeks, and we will provide the web link as soon as it is ready.

Thank you all for your continued support and collaboration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ministry by e-mail at PHTransformation@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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Appendix 1: Summary of Protocols and Guidelines with Release Dates

Document	Release Date or Anticipated Release Date
Child Visual Health and Vision Screening Protocol	February/March 2018
Electronic Cigarettes Protocol	December 29, 2017
Food Safety Protocol	February 5, 2018
Health Hazard Response Protocol	February 5, 2018
Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Protocol	January 3, 2018
Immunization for Children in Schools and Licensed Child Care Settings Protocol	February 5, 2018
Infection Prevention and Control Complaints Protocol	February 5, 2018
Infection Prevention and Control Disclosure Protocol	February 5, 2018
Infection Prevention and Control Protocol	February 5, 2018
Infectious Diseases Protocol	February 5, 2018
Institutional/Facility Outbreak Management Protocol	February/March 2018
Menu Labelling Protocol	December 29, 2017
Oral Health Protocol	February/March 2018
Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol	December 29, 2017
Qualifications for Public Health Professionals Protocol	February 5, 2018
Rabies Prevention and Control Protocol	February 5, 2018
Recreational Water Protocol	February 5, 2018
Safe Drinking Water and Fluoride Monitoring Protocol	February 5, 2018
Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted/Blood-Borne Infections Prevention and Control Protocol	December 29, 2017
Tanning Beds Protocol	December 29, 2017
Tobacco Protocol	December 29, 2017
Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Protocol	February 5, 2018
Vaccine Storage and Handling Protocol	December 29, 2017
Board of Health and Local Health Integration Network Engagement Guideline	December 29, 2017
Chronic Disease Prevention Guideline	February 2018
Guidelines for Emergency Management	February/March 2018

Document	Release Date or Anticipated Release Date
Health Equity Guideline	February 2018
Healthy Environments and Climate Change Guideline	February 2018
Healthy Growth and Development Guideline	February 2018
Injury Prevention Guideline	February 2018
Management of Avian Chlamydiosis in Birds Guideline	February 2018
Management of Avian Influenza or Novel Influenza in Birds or Animals Guideline	February 2018
Management of Echinococcus Multilocularis Infections in Animals Guideline	February 2018
Management of Potential Rabies Exposures Guideline	February 2018
Mental Health Promotion Guideline	February 2018
Operational Approaches for Food Safety Guideline	February 2018
Operational Approaches for Recreational Water Guideline	February 5, 2018
Relationship with Indigenous Communities Guideline	February 2018
School Health Guideline	February/March 2018
Small Drinking Water Systems Risk Assessment Guideline	February 5, 2018
Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction Guideline	December 29, 2017
Tuberculosis Program Guideline	February 2018