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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Health Chairs and Medical Officers of Health

RE: Amendments to select Ontario Public Health Standards Protocols, Guidelines and Appendices

I am writing to inform you of changes to specific protocols and guidelines of the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS). These documents are listed in the attached tables. In addition, changes to the disease-specific chapters of Appendix A and provincial case definitions of Appendix B of the *Infectious Diseases Protocol, 2018* have also been made. A summary of all changes is included in the *Document History* section of the appendices. All changes come into effect immediately.

The updated protocols and guidelines will be posted to the OPHS website as soon as possible but, in the interim, they can be found on the DoN [here](#).

The revised appendices have been posted on the OPHS website under their respective disease titles [here](#).

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Attachment

Release of updated OPHS Protocols, Guidelines and Appendices
March 1, 2019

Standard	Protocol or Guideline	Description of Changes
Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-Being	<i>Tanning Beds Protocol, 2019</i>	General housekeeping changes
Healthy Environments	<i>Health Hazard Response Protocol, 2019</i>	General housekeeping changes
Food Safety	<i>Operational Approaches for Food Safety Guideline, 2019</i> <i>Food Safety Protocol, 2019</i>	General housekeeping changes
Infectious and Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control	<i>Infection Prevention and Control Protocol, 2019</i>	Clarification of personal service settings subject to O. Reg 136/18 – Personal Service Settings
	<i>Infection Prevention and Control Compliant Protocol, 2019</i>	Clarification of personal service settings subject to O. Reg 136/18 – Personal Service Settings
	<i>Infection Prevention and Control Disclosure Protocol, 2019</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification of personal service settings subject to O. Reg 136/18 –Personal Service Settings - Language consistent with other Protocols regarding disclosure - Included direction regarding disclosure of enforcement actions - Clarity regarding disclosure of complaint-based inspections
	<i>Personal Service Settings Guideline, 2019</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification of personal service settings subject to O. Reg 136/18 –Personal Service Settings - Additional clarity provided to allow for consistent interpretation of O. Reg. 136/18
	<i>Management of Avian Chlamydiosis in Birds Guideline, 2019</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification of recommended vs required actions by board of health in response to reported cases in birds
	<i>Management of Avian Influenza or Novel Influenza in Birds or Animals Guideline, 2019</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification of recommended vs required actions by board of health in response to reported cases in birds or animals
	<i>Management of Echinococcus Multilocularis Infections in Animals Guideline, 2019</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification of recommended vs required actions by board of health in response to reported cases in birds or animals

Standard	Protocol or Guideline	Description of Changes
	<i>Management of Potential Rabies Exposures Guideline, 2019</i>	- Addition of new guidelines with respect to rabies post-exposure prophylaxis in individuals who have received rabies vaccine in the 3 months preceding a given exposure
	<i>Rabies Prevention and Control Protocol, 2019</i>	- Clarification of requirement for boards of health to report outcome of risk assessment for potential rabies exposure to healthcare providers
	<i>Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted/Blood Borne Infections Prevention and Control Protocol, 2019</i>	- Clarification of requirements for boards of health to incorporate knowledge of external documents referenced into their own practices as they implement ministry requirements - Clarification of requirements pertaining to drug and vaccine supply distribution
Safe Water	<i>Recreational Water Protocol, 2019</i>	- General Housekeeping
	<i>Safe Drinking Water and Fluoride Monitoring Protocol, 2019</i>	- General Housekeeping, with merging two Protocols (Protocol for the Monitoring of Community Water Fluoride Levels and Drinking Water Protocol)

Infectious Diseases Protocol, 2018 Appendices
Disease Specific Chapters (Appendix A) and Provincial Case Definitions (Appendix B)

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Acute Flaccid Paralysis	Adverse Events Following Immunizations (AEFIs) (Appendix B only)
Amebiasis	Anthrax	Blastomycosis
Botulism	Brucellosis	<i>Campylobacter</i> enteritis
Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) infection or colonization	Chancroid	Chickenpox (Varicella)
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infections	Cholera	<i>Clostridium difficile</i> Infection (CDI) outbreaks in public hospitals
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, all types	Cryptosporidiosis	Cyclosporiasis
Diphtheria	Echinococcus multilocularis infection	Encephalitis, including i) Primary, viral; ii) Post-infectious; iii) Vaccine-related; iv) Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis; and v) Unspecified
Food poisoning, all causes	Gastroenteritis, Outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals	Giardiasis
Gonorrhoea	Group A Streptococcal Disease, invasive (iGAS)	Group B Streptococcal Disease, neonatal

<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> disease, all types, invasive	Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome	Hemorrhagic fevers, including: i) Ebola virus disease; ii) Marburg virus disease; and iii) Other viral causes
Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Hepatitis C
Influenza	Legionellosis	Leprosy
Listeriosis	Lyme Disease	Measles
Meningitis, acute: i) bacterial; ii) viral; and iii) other	Meningococcal disease, invasive	Mumps
Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning	Paratyphoid Fever	Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
Plague	Pneumococcal disease, invasive	Poliomyelitis, acute
Psittacosis/Ornithosis	Q Fever	Rabies
Respiratory Infection outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals	Rubella	Rubella, congenital syndrome
Salmonellosis	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)	Shigellosis
Smallpox	Syphilis	Tetanus
Trichinosis	Tuberculosis	Tularemia
Typhoid Fever	Verotoxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> infection indicator conditions, including Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS)	West Nile Virus
Yersiniosis		