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To: Health Care Providers in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark
From: Dr. Paula Stewart, Medical Officer of Health
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Subject: Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea Case Management

Chlamydia is one of the most frequently reported of all reportable infections to Public Health, with approximately 300 cases per year in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark. Despite the ongoing public health recommendations to reduce social interactions and close contact with others, Chlamydia rates continue to increase in our area, along with rates of several other sexually transmitted infections.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting increased demands on public health, several nurses in our Sexual Health program have been reassigned to support essential COVID case and contact management. These changes have led us to modify our existing case management procedure on Chlamydia follow-up. This modification will allow us to re-focus our efforts on high-risk situations, priority populations and cases of other STBBIs with more urgent follow-up requirements, as well as on COVID case and contact management.

As allied health professionals, we are confident that our health care providers throughout the tri-county will do an excellent job in supporting this essential public health surveillance and management role.

What this means for primary care providers:

- ✓ Continue to treat positive chlamydia cases as per the [Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections](#)
- ✓ [Continue to contact the Health Unit to obtain publicly funded STI medications if access to treatment is a barrier for patients.](#)
- ✓ Complete the attached [Chlamydia follow-up form](#) as thoroughly as possible based on the information available to you. Send completed forms back to the Health Unit in a timely manner using the fax number on the form.
- ✓ Counsel patients with a positive chlamydia result regarding partner notification requirements, including notifying all partners who have had sexual contact with the case within 60 days prior to symptom onset or date of specimen collection.
- ✓ Counsel patients on safer sex practices –sex without a condom is the most common risk factor among individuals diagnosed with chlamydia.

Do not routinely advise patients with a positive chlamydia result to expect a phone call from a public health nurse. If the patient is unable and/or unwilling to complete partner notification OR if you recognize a need for public health to follow up with an individual, please indicate this on the Chlamydia follow-up form or contact public health directly by phone (the contact number of the public health nurse responsible for the chlamydia case is provided on the form that is sent to you).

If you have any questions or require clarification please call **1-800-660-5853** and ask to speak to a nurse from our Sexual Health Team.

Resources:

1. [Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections](#)
2. [Reportable Disease Toolkit](#)