

South East Health Unit

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SUMMARY

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Care Providers - Public Health Monthly Networking Call Tuesday, August 5, 2025

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1.0 Welcome – Dr. Linna Li, South East Health Unit (SEHU), Deputy Medical Officer East (Chair)

Welcome greetings extended. Recorded – posted on our HCP website section.

2.0 Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program – Jennifer Adams, Manager

Change and Update with High-Risk Pediatric Pneumo

- Children who are now 17 years of age and younger with certain medical and non-medical conditions that increase their risk for invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD), and who have previously completed their immunization schedule with pneumococcal 13-valent conjugate (Pneu-C-13) vaccine series are eligible for a single dose of pneumococcal 20-valent conjugate (Pneu-C-20) vaccine.
- If a child has already had a pneumo-20 as part of that series vaccine, they are not eligible to receive an additional dose.
- See Ontario's routine immunization schedule:
 - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-routine-immunization-schedule>
- See Vaccine Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Vaccine Program for Individuals Aged 6 Weeks and Older:
 - <https://www.ontario.ca/files/2025-07/moh-vaccine-fact-sheet-pneumococcal-vaccine-6-weeks-and-older-en-2025-07-01.pdf>

Ordering Vaccine

- Go to our website and under the [For Professionals](#) tab click on [Vaccine Ordering and Guidance](#) – under Recent Notices you will see all of the memos further outlining recommendations.
 - Reminder vaccine ordering is now available weekly – please note that there is no more urgent order requests accepted
 - Every Friday morning vaccine is delivered to our outer offices
 - Orders must be submitted by Thursday at 2:30 pm if you want vaccine by Friday

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- We will continue to notify you when your order has arrived at the office of your choice and is ready for pick up

Flu Season & Vaccine

- Quickly approaching flu season – not expecting vaccine delivered to the health unit until the end of September
- You will not receive an auto-shipment of the flu vaccine; you must place an order (helps to reduce the amount of wastage)
- Great time to take stock of how much flu vaccine you ordered last year and used and how much you require this year
- To order vaccine see:
 - [Routine Vaccines and Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources Order Form - Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit](#) to order.

3.0 Respiratory Season – Dr. Linna Li, SEHU Deputy MOH

- Reminder: it is now time to begin planning for the respiratory season, including vaccination
- In the southern hemisphere the respiratory season seems to have been middle-of-the-road this year compared to some of the last few years

West Nile

- We've now had a bird in our region test positive for West Nile
- As a reminder, West Nile is a virus that is typically spread between birds and mosquitoes
 - Humans get infected because the mosquitoes happen to bite humans too, but their main hosts are birds
 - People typically get infected by mosquitoes; birds with West Nile aren't a meaningful risk of transmission to humans (only with extensive contact with animal blood); human-to-human transmission is exceedingly rare (transfusions, breast milk)
- The clinical picture of West Nile:
 - 80% of people who are infected are asymptomatic
 - Of the remaining, West Nile fever: fever, vomiting, skin rash
 - ~1 in 150 can have neuroinvasive disease (encephalitis, meningitis)
 - Severe outcomes are much more common over the age of 50 and some immunocompromised people
- Testing: West Nile serology is the preferred testing, PCR is not routinely used
 - If you suspect West Nile clinically, also consider other vector-borne

Measles

- The Ontario outbreak has settled; there are still continued cases but the week-on-week numbers have fallen substantially
 - The most recent epidemiological summary can be found here: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Documents/M/24/measles-ontario-epi-summary.pdf>
- A number of other provinces across Canada currently have measles outbreaks as well now, with the highest per capita cases in Alberta
- We continue to have risk of measles from travellers (international and domestic)

4.0 Adjournment/Next Call: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 8:00 AM

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