

## Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Care Providers (HCPs) – Southeast Public Health (SEPH) East Region Networking Call

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 8 AM

### Microsoft Teams Meeting (*recorded*)

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### TOPICS

#### 1.0 Welcome - Dr. Linna Li, Deputy Medical Officer East

- Welcome greetings extended.

#### 2.0 ISPA Update - Jamie Ferguson, Vaccine Preventable Diseases

- **See attached 2025-10-31-ISPA-tip-sheet**
- The increased volume is because SEPH is completing ISPA follow up on all students, in all grades, and all school boards this year.
- If the immunization record in our system is not up to date, public health issued a notice to parents/guardians. If the parent/guardian receives a notice or suspension order from the health unit, that means our records are not up to date.
- We ask that you provide the parent/guardian a copy of the record and tell them to follow the reporting details outlined in the notice of communication the parent/guardian received.
  - It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to report the child's immunizations to public health each time the child receives an immunization.
  - If the parent/guardian have not reported to public health each time the child is vaccinated, then the vaccination given would not be in our records.
  - The health unit does not automatically get those records.
  - The system is still a manual process.
- ***If a primary care provider would like to send records directly to SEPH on parents' behalf with their consent, records can be faxed to 613-345-7038.***

- We have significantly increased our number of clinic appointments and have added more school clinics. The parent/guardian are given a record of immunization at these clinics, and it remains their responsibility to report those immunizations back to their primary care giver.
- Posters with the QR code for reporting immunizations are available to primary care providers to post in their waiting rooms. Upon request, these posters can be sent out with your vaccine orders.
- We ask primary care providers to repeat those childhood vaccinations that have been given earlier than the recommended time (for example MMR given due to travel before the first birthday); the reason is partly due to underlying immunity development biologically evolving during different ages.
- **Immunization Records - Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit**

#### 3.0 Primary Care Newsletter - Clint Shingler, Manager-Health System Liaison

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- **Highlights**

- **Specimen Collection Material Ordering Update - Effective April 1, 2026**

Effective April 1, they will no longer supply specimen collection materials to providers. Offices sourcing these from PHO will need to begin seeking alternative suppliers. Some exceptions that will remain available from PHO include specialized kits for pertussis, chlamydia, and gonorrhoeae.

- **Abrysvo shelf-life extension**

Pfizer has implemented a shelf-life extension for Abrysvo:

- RSV drug product: from 36 to 48 months
- Sterile water diluent: from 36 to 60 months
- Further details are available [here](#).

- **Recommendations during Bicillin L-A shortage**

- ***See attached OCMOH\_Memo\_Bicillin Shortage\_2025-01-23\_EN***

Due to a national shortage, the ministry is recommending that providers restrict use of Benzathine Penicillin G (Bicillin® L-A) and use alternative treatments for syphilis. Use should be restricted to:

- Pregnant individuals (all stages) and their ongoing sexual contact(s).
- Infectious cases (primary, secondary and early latent syphilis), regardless of HIV status, if adherence to alternative treatment and follow-up is uncertain.
- During the shortage, oral doxycycline is preferred for initiating therapy in non-pregnant adult patients with late latent, latent of unknown duration, or tertiary syphilis that does not involve the central nervous system.
- [Interim Syphilis Treatment Guidelines in the event of a Benzathine Penicillin G \(Bicillin L-A\) Shortage](#)
- SEPH will communicate updates as this shortage continues.

- **COVaxON transition to PGW**

The ministry has started to communicate details to primary care providers regarding the decommissioning of COVaxON and transition to a new Panorama Guided Workflow (PGW).

- The last day for COVaxON will be March 13th with a short gap before PGW launches in April.
- There is a registration process for PGW, which may require onboarding with the province's ONE ID network if not already onboarded.
- Existing users and vaccine coordinators in primary care were invited to information sessions in January. The materials from this session: ([deck](#), [FAQ](#) and [ONE ID intake form](#))
- If you have additional questions, please contact [panoramaguidedworkflow@ontario.ca](mailto:panoramaguidedworkflow@ontario.ca). For ONE ID related inquiries, please contact Ontario Health Digital Services Support at 1-866-250-1554 (available 24/7).

#### 4.0 Resources/Education

- **Posters and digital screens for use in primary care offices and waiting areas:**

- [Unplugged Canada](#) is a grassroots, parent-led movement promoting the delay of smartphones and social media and promoting healthy digital habits. Digital screens can be downloaded [here](#).
- The Kingston Frontenac Anti-Violence Coordinating Committee is promoting the [See It. Name It. Change It!](#) campaign to raise awareness about intimate partner violence (IPV) and empower individuals to recognize the signs of IPV, name harmful behaviours, and take safe and effective action to create change in the community. Digital screens can be downloaded [here](#).

- **Past and upcoming sessions:**

- Recordings are available for:
  - January 16 OCFP CoP: [respiratory virus update and e-referral development](#).
  - PHO webinar: ["Improving Immunization Coverage and Process in Ontario"](#).
  - PHO webinar: ["From Projections to Prevention: What Ontario's Illness Projections Mean for PH"](#).

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- Upcoming sessions:
  - February 6 at 8 a.m.: OCFP CoP on [infectious diseases and MSK imaging](#).
  - February 10 at 12 p.m.: PHO webinar titled "Talk About Doxy PEP STIs"
  - February 19 at 12 p.m.: OCFP webinar titled "Practical Strategies for Supporting Patients on OW & ODSP"
  - February 24 at 12 p.m.: NCCDH webinar titled "[Using An Equity-Focused Population Health Approach to Gender-Based Violence Prevention to enable local public health action](#)"

## 5.0 Next Call

- Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 8 AM