

# ALERT: Measles

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Peterborough County-City  
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Dear Health Care Providers,

Public Health Ontario has advised that there is an ongoing international outbreak of measles linked to contact with cases from Europe who were on vacation in Mexico in February 2013 (Azul Fives Hotel, Playa del Carmen). Two cases have recently been reported in Ontario (one confirmed to be related to travel to Mexico). Many other travelers from Ontario were also at the resort during the same time and further cases may emerge amongst these individuals and susceptible contacts, and patients with measles may present to your health care setting. We therefore urge you to be vigilant. Measles is highly infectious and rapid action needs to be taken to control infection and prevent further cases.

Please report suspected cases of measles **immediately** to the Peterborough County-City Health Unit (705)743-1000. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation.

For more information on laboratory testing and infection control, please go to the "Health Professionals-Alerts" section of our website or see the link provided below:

<http://www.pcchu.ca/for-professionals/health-professionals/for-health-professionals/>

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