

# ALERT: Third Mumps Case Confirmed in Peterborough

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## Attention: Healthcare Providers

Peterborough Public Health (PPH) is investigating an outbreak of mumps at St. Peter Catholic Secondary School (CSS). Please note that the school identity is being shared confidentially with you in order to facilitate the control of this outbreak. Two confirmed cases are linked to this outbreak and an additional case was reported in our community.

Public Health will be issuing exclusion orders to students and staff who are inadequately immunized and those with no proven immunity. We are working with the Principal and the School Board to conduct the following:

1. Students: Starting Wednesday September 27, 2017, Public Health will be issuing Orders to exclude students from school who are not up to date with mumps vaccines or do not have evidence of immunity (blood test) to mumps infection. **NOTE:** Only those who are at risk, according to our records, will receive an EXCLUSION ORDER.
2. Staff: Staff may also be excluded from attending St. Peter CSS. All staff born after on or after 1970 will be asked to provide proof of two doses of mumps vaccine or evidence of immunity. If born before 1970, adults are assumed to be immune to mumps because the mumps infection was circulating widely before 1970 and they likely had mumps infection.

## Be Prepared:

1. Expect calls from parents/staff about their immunization status. You can fax records to Peterborough Public Health at (705)743-2897 (Please indicate St. Peter Catholic Secondary School on the fax)
2. Ensure you have sufficient supply of mumps vaccine and are able to immunize. You can fax records to Peterborough Public Health at (705)743-2897 (Please indicate St. Peter Catholic Secondary School on the fax).
3. Report suspected or confirmed cases to Peterborough Public Health at (705)743-1000, ext. 131.
4. If you suspect mumps please order a buccal swab and/or throat swab for Virus Isolation and RT-PCR as well as a clean catch urine sample and blood serology for both IgG and IgM. See [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca) | For Professionals | Health Professionals | Alerts | Diagnostic Test Recommendations for Mumps for specific test recommendations (i.e. timing and collection).

If you have any questions, please visit [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca) or call 705-743-1000 ext. 131 and ask to speak with an Infectious Diseases nurse.

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