

ALERT: Mumps Outbreak Update

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**Peterborough
Public Health**

*Serving the residents of Curve Lake and
Hiawatha First Nations, and the County and
City of Peterborough*

Attention: Health Care Providers in the Peterborough area

Peterborough Public Health is continuing to investigate the outbreak of mumps at St. Peter Catholic Secondary School. Additional cases have been reported.

Students and staff who have been deemed not immune have been excluded from attending school or school-related functions.

Peterborough Public Health recommends that you:

1. Watch for symptoms of mumps and if suspected:
 - a) test for mumps as per the [Public Health Laboratories Diagnostic Test Recommendations for Mumps](#) (RT-PCR buccal swab AND urine, AND serology for IgG and IgM specimen for 'diagnosis')
 - b) recommend that they self-isolate and not attend public gatherings until 5 days after onset of symptoms; and
 - c) call Peterborough Public Health at 705-743-1000, ext. 131 to report the suspected case.
2. Check immunization status of patients and immunize where needed. Report or advise parents of students to report the immunization dates to public health online through our new immunization portal at www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca
3. Immunize with a mumps-containing vaccine **for those born in or after 1970, or if no immunization record is available**, rather than ordering serology to determine immune status. Serologic testing is not recommended before or after receiving mumps-containing vaccine.
4. Advise clients who were born before 1970 that they are presumed to be immune according to the Canadian Immunization Guide. Serological testing is NOT required to confirm immunity. If they are insistent on testing, consider providing immunization instead of serology.

If you have questions, please call Peterborough Public Health at 705-743-1000, ext. 131 or visit:

www.publichealthontario.ca search [Mumps](#).

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