



Healthcare Provider Webinar
Middlesex and London Region
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Welcome

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Surveillance Report

As of October 17th:

- Local data:

44,207

Total number of confirmed cases

460

Total deaths

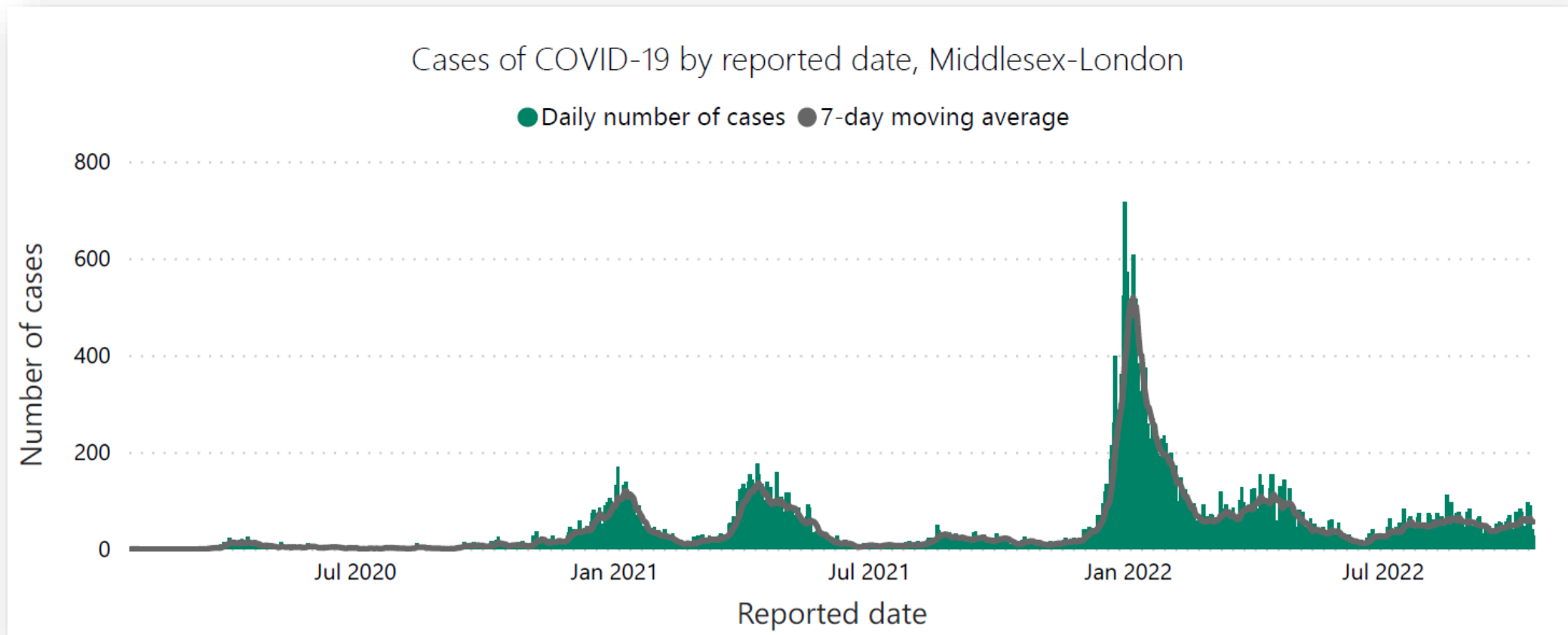
757

Total active cases

42,990

Total resolved cases

Cases by Reported Date



Data source: Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) *Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM)*, extracted 2022-10-18. Data current as of the end of day 2022-10-17.

Pfizer-BioNTech *Comirnaty* bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine now available

- MLHU is now offering the Pfizer-BioNTech *Comirnaty* bivalent COVID-19 vaccine to individuals aged 12+ as a booster dose.
- Bivalent vaccines are available at the [MLHU's Mass Vaccination Clinics](#) (Western Fair District's main building & Caradoc Community Centre (appointments recommended)), & at [MLHU's Community COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics](#) on a walk-in basis.
- Recommended interval is **six months** after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series or after receiving their most recent booster.
- Those who are at higher risk of severe outcomes, including individuals aged 65+, are recommended to receive booster doses at an **interval of three months**.
- Individuals who have had COVID-19 should wait a minimum of three months before receiving a booster dose of the bivalent vaccine.

Influenza Vaccine Update

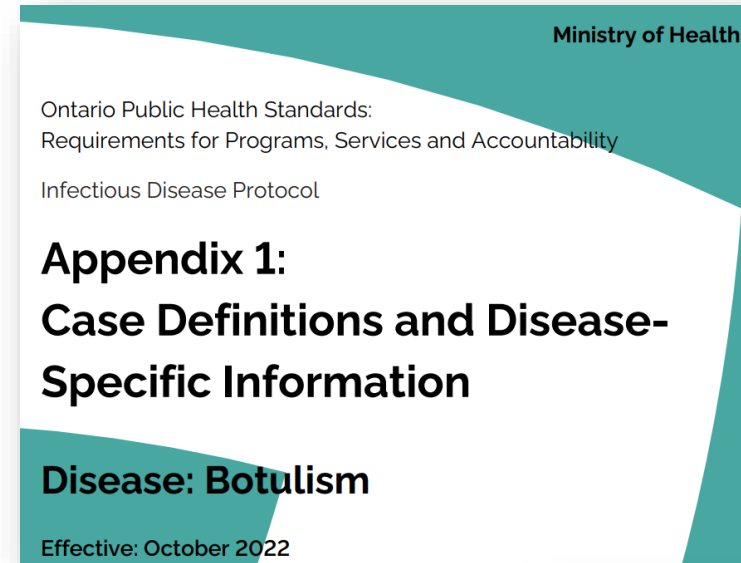
- Influenza vaccine for the general population will be available Tuesday, November 1 through primary health care providers and pharmacies.
- Flu & COVID-19 vaccines can be administered at the same time, or before or after each other for those 5 years+.
 - Children younger than 5 are recommended to wait 14 days between receiving the flu shot and the COVID-19 vaccine.

Canadian Tuberculosis Standards 8th Edition: Updates and changes to treatment for Latent Tuberculosis Infection

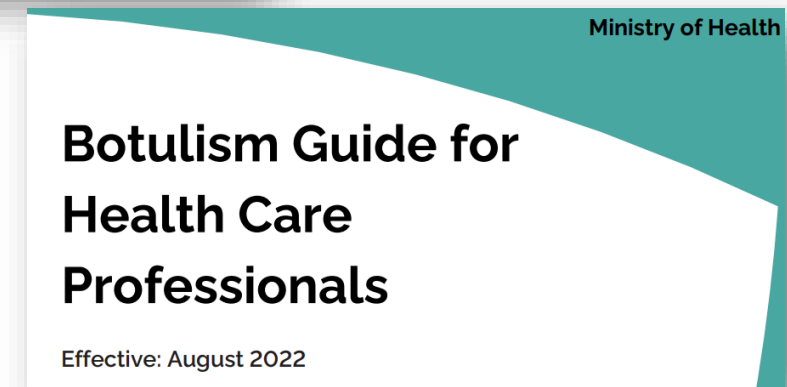
- New treatment recommendations for LTBI, notably first-line regimen recommendations have changed
 - **4 months of Rifampin** or 3 months of 3HP is preferential to the previous regimen of 9 months Isoniazid.
- Please see the treatment recommendations chart outlined in **today's eNewsletter** for more details on regimens, and visit www.linksmedicus.com/news/canadian-tuberculosis-standards-8th-edition/ to view the *Canadian Tuberculosis Standards- 8th Edition*
- As a reminder, LTBI is a reportable disease of public health significance. To report LTBI, please visit: www.healthunit.com/hcp-forms#reporting-forms.
- LTBI medication can be ordered from the Health Unit: www.healthunit.com/hcp-forms#order-forms.
- Please join us **November 1st** during our HCP Webinar for a special presentation on **LTBI with Dr. Danielle Ouellette!**

Updates to the *Botulism Guide for Health Care Professionals* and *Botulism Appendix*

- The Ministry has released a memorandum intended to provide updated information and considerations for ordering **BabyBIG**
- Health Canada's Special Access Program (SAP) requires that available marketed products in Canada be considered when a review is conducted during the ordering of BabyBIG to treat Infant Botulism. The marketed product in Canada (**Botulinum Anti-toxin (BAT)**) has a recommended dose for infants < 1 year of age.
- However, due to lack of clinical evidence to support the use of BAT in infant botulism cases in the product monograph, **clinicians can continue to order BabyBIG for infant botulism cases.**



Please refer to the linked documents in the eNewsletter for more information.



Vaccine Preventable Disease Program Updates

Reminder: Please register for *PHOS*

- Vaccine ordering is transitioning from fax to our new *Public Health Ordering System* (PHOS)!
- A new, easy to navigate web-based application designed to make vaccine ordering quick & easy!
- Registration details:
 - Determine who is your primary vaccine ordering contact
 - Have them fill out the registration link
 - Registration link can be found in today's eNewsletter
 - Once the account is created, the primary contact can add additional users from within the system
- We are requesting that all healthcare providers transition from paper forms/faxing of vaccine orders to *PHOS* by **December 1st**

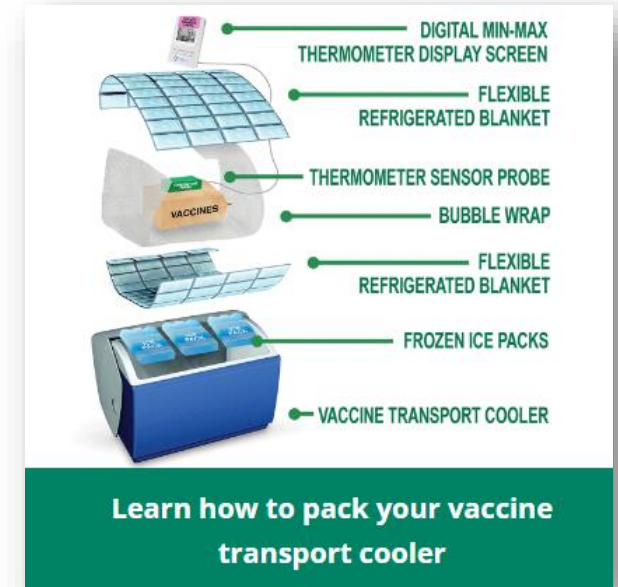
**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

Reminder: Influenza Vaccine Ordering

- The Vaccine Preventable Disease Team has been pre-packaging an allocation of influenza vaccine for your facility/office based on your previous year's vaccine usage/wastage. By now, many of you have received **notification by fax** that your vaccine is ready for pick-up.
- Orders for additional influenza vaccine are **now being accepted**. Influenza vaccine is available to order through our new online ordering system (**PHOS**).
 - If you have not registered for PHOS yet, **order forms** have been posted on the [Influenza for Healthcare Providers webpage](#)
- If you have any questions about your pre-package allocation, please e-mail vaccineorders@mlhu.on.ca.
- For more information, refer to MOH [2022/2023 Universal Influenza Immunization Program \(UIIP\)](#) website or the HCP Alert from September 16th, 2022.

Vaccine Transport

- As of **November 1st**, all individuals who are picking up publicly-funded vaccine must have the following supplies when they arrive at the Health Unit to pick up vaccines:
 - Conditioned (already cold) cooler(s) large enough to pick up your vaccine order
 - A minimum / maximum thermometer that shows a reading between two and eight degrees Celsius (2°C to 8°C)
 - Ice packs and packing material (i.e. bubble wrap) to prevent vaccine from touching ice directly
- If your office uses a courier, it is **your responsibility to ensure that your courier is aware of the supplies required to transport vaccine safely.** Additional information is available on the Health Unit's [Vaccine Storage and Handling](#) webpage.
- If your office does not have the required supplies, please ask a member of the Vaccine Preventable Disease Team during your next visit *or* email **VaccineOrders@mlhu.on.ca**.
 - Supplies are available at no charge and our team members can provide further instructions as required.



Know Your Status: CME accredited HIV Testing Webinar in November

- Shaya Dhinsa, RN & MEd, and Darryl Ntow, RN, from MLHU's Sexual Health Team are hosting a **CME accredited webinar** that includes a review of the *Know Your Status* campaign & the importance of the role of healthcare provider and HIV testing
- Webinar objectives include:
 - Why are we trying to increase HIV testing?
 - Who should HIV tests be ordered for?
 - What is the consent process?
 - How do I respond to a patient who has questions about getting tested?
 - Test result responsibilities
- To **register**, please click on the date you are interested in through **today's eNewsletter (November 22nd from 12noon-12:30pm or November 30th from 7:30-8pm)**
- The *Know Your Status* campaign poster is available to order; to request a poster for your office/clinic, please email healthcareproviders@mlhu.on.ca and include:
 - your name, office address, hours for delivery, and quantity



The poster features a grey background with a subtle hexagonal pattern. At the top, the text "KNOW YOUR STATUS" is displayed in red, with a red ribbon symbol integrated into the letter "O". Below this, a red banner contains the text "Be empowered, take control of your health, know your status" in white. The main body of the poster is grey and contains text about HIV testing being quick, simple, confidential, and free of charge. It also mentions support for test results and provides a QR code and website for more information.

KNOW YOUR STATUS

**Be empowered,
take control of your health,
know your status**

HIV tests are quick, simple, confidential and free of charge. Getting tested puts you in control of your health.

Regardless of the test result, we are here to support you and connect you to the care you need. You are not alone.

 For more information visit:
www.healthunit.com/hiv-and-aids


MLHU Syphilis Campaign

- The Sexual Health Team has launched an online syphilis awareness campaign as of October 3rd
- The goal is to bring awareness to the increasing syphilis rates and to encourage people to get tested & wear condoms
- Three different posters are available to order. Please email healthcareproviders@mlhu.on.ca and include:
 - Your name and office address, hours for delivery, poster(s) of interest, and requested quantity



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Questions?

- Ask using chat function now, or after the webinar at:
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- For urgent matters please call the Health Unit's
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