

FIFA World Cup and Ebola Updates

Update to York Region health care professionals as of June 9, 2026

As you may be aware, the City of Toronto will host FIFA World Cup 2026 (FWC26) games from June 11, 2026 to July 19, 2026. With this large-scale international event occurring in the GTA, York Region Public Health (YRPH) is reminding clinicians of the heightened risk of certain infectious diseases. This risk is associated with increased international travel and mass gatherings, particularly for diseases of concern identified by Public Health Ontario (PHO) and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

Measles and Mpox have been assessed as having a **moderate** risk level for the FWC26 games. Ahead of the games, health care providers are reminded to keep these diseases on their differential diagnosis for any patients presenting with compatible symptoms. Please encourage patients to ensure their immunizations are up to date for both measles and [mpox](#), if eligible.

Ebola Virus Updates

On May 15, 2026, an Ebola outbreak was declared in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda, and on May 16, 2026, the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General declared it as a public health emergency of international concern. On May 27, 2026, YRPH shared [an update on Ebola](#) with hospital partners about processes to follow should a suspect case occur in York Region. **Ontario has never had a case of Ebola virus and the risk to York Region remains very low.**

In response to the situation, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) [announced temporary border measures](#) from May 30, 2026 to August 29, 2026. Travellers who, in the past 21 days, have spent time in the DRC, South Sudan or Uganda will be assessed upon arrival to Canada and will be required to comply with a mandatory federal quarantine for **21 days** after entering the country.

Ebola disease spreads through direct contact with infected body fluids or tissues, contaminated objects, infected animals, or the body of someone who died from the disease. Early symptoms include fever and one or more of: chills, severe headache, abdominal pain, pharyngitis, fatigue, myalgias, and weakness. Later symptoms include nausea, vomiting, or hematemesis, diarrhea (including melena or hematochezia), rash, and other unexplained bleeding or hemorrhage (conjunctival injection, ecchymoses, epistaxis, gingival bleeding, hemoptysis).

In the event that a returned traveller from an Ebola-affected region calls with questions or to report symptoms, please redirect any calls to YRPH at 905-830-4444 ext. 73588 and after hours to 905-953-6478. If you are assessing a patient who is a returned traveller from an Ebola-affected region who you suspect may have symptoms of Ebola, please call YRPH at the number above.

For urgent situations where referral directly to an emergency department is required, please provide **advance notice** to the emergency department and notify [YRPH immediately](#). Please do not collect specimens for microbiology before consulting with YRPH and [PHO's Laboratory Microbiologist](#). A coordination call will be initiated and further direction regarding transportation and testing will be provided by the [Ministry of Health's Health System Emergency Management Branch](#).

For more information, please refer to the following resources:

- Public Health Ontario's [Viral Hemorrhagic Fever \(VHF\) Clinical Risk Assessment Tool](#)
- Public Health Ontario's [Infection Prevention and Control Management of Viral Hemorrhagic Fever in Acute Care](#)
- PHAC – [Ebola disease: For health professionals and humanitarian aid workers](#)

Reminder: Immediate Notification Required

With international events such as FWC26 occurring nearby, timely reporting of [diseases of public health significance \(DoPHS\)](#) is essential to control and prevent further spread of infectious diseases, especially infrequent diseases potentially imported from endemic regions. If you suspect or have confirmation of a reportable disease or event, *report them to York Region Public Health:*

- During regular business hours (Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.):
 - Call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73588, or
 - Fax a completed [reportable diseases notification form](#) to 905-898-5213
- Outside of regular business hours (including statutory holidays), call 905-953-6478
- For general inquiries, email CIDIntakeLine@york.ca

Health Care Professional Resources

- **Measles:**
 - PHO: [How to Recognize and Respond to Measles](#)
 - PHO: [Measles Information for Clinicians](#)
 - PHO: [Measles Diagnostic PCR Testing information](#)
 - [Measles Fact Sheet for Patients](#)
- **Mpox:**
 - PHO: [Mpox Information for Clinicians](#)
 - PHO: [Testing Information](#)
 - Mpox [vaccine](#) eligibility

Upcoming CME Webinar

We invite you to join us for a one-hour virtual CME webinar [Managing Lyme Disease and Emerging Tick-borne Diseases in Primary Care](#).

York Region is a designated a [Black legged Tick Risk Area](#) and ticks are active now. Primary care clinicians play a critical role in early diagnosis and management of Lyme disease and emerging tick-borne infections, and this session will provide up-to-date guidance you can apply in your practice.

 **Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

 **6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (virtual)**

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