



Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
Public Health
300 Carlton Street
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RE: Guidance on Continuum of Care for Communicable Disease during Wildfire Evacuations

Dear Health Care Provider,

In addition to an ongoing measles and invasive meningococcal disease outbreak in the province, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care (MHS LTC) has been monitoring increases in hepatitis A and tuberculosis (TB).

We ask that you remain vigilant and aware of the potential for these conditions as a large number of people will be living and working in congregate settings due to wildfire evacuations. This is an opportunity for education, early identification and clinical assessment, along with testing, treatment, and reporting, when required.

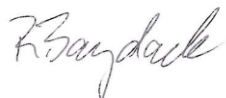
What You Can Do:

- Be alert for symptoms of measles, hepatitis A and TB.
- Ensure appropriate screening, testing, and reporting of suspected or confirmed cases. Refer to the appropriate communicable disease protocol for further information: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/index.html.
- Review immunization records and offer any vaccines, based on Manitoba's vaccine eligibility (www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html), where applicable:
 - Infants 6 to 11 months of age who have been evacuated from their home communities due to wildfires are eligible to receive one dose of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Vaccines can be requested by completing the Manitoba Health Vaccines and Biologics Order Form (www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf) and faxing or emailing the completed form to the Provincial Vaccine Warehouse.

If you have any questions, please email vaccines@gov.mb.ca. Thank you for your cooperation and support during this emergency response.

Sincerely,

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Richard Baydack, PhD
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