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Health Advisory: Mumps update for health care providers

From January to July 2018 there had been ongoing transmission of mumps cases in three communities in the region. Current data shows more than 41 days has elapsed since the onset of the last case, which is the recommended length of time required to end a community based mumps outbreak according to Public Health Ontario.

We thank you for your immunization efforts and diagnostic considerations during the period of increased transmission. Please continue to promote the MMR/MMRV vaccine to patients who are due for it. Mumps continues to affect Manitoba communities and other parts of Ontario. Testing by buccal swab and urine for PCR in addition to serology for diagnosis of disease continues to be recommended when mumps is suspected.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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