July 2, 2015

To: Interested Parties

Subject: Infection Control Training and Certification of Personal Service Setting Workers - Item HL5.7

On June 29, 2015, the Toronto Board of Health adopted this item and among other things forwards the report (June 12, 2015) from the Toronto Medical Officer of Health to the Interim Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care and Training, Colleges and Universities; Public Health Ontario; Ontario Public Health Association; Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health; Association of Local Public Health Agencies; the Ontario College of Trades; and the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors in Ontario.

The Board of Health also:

1. Reiterated its request to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to develop and implement mandatory infection prevention and control (IPAC) training and certification for personal services setting (PSS) workers across Ontario;
2. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to develop and pilot a voluntary infection prevention and control (IPAC) certificate program on a cost-recovery basis for personal services settings (PSS) workers for implementation in 2016;
3. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health in early 2017 on the status of the voluntary infection prevention and control (IPAC) certificate program;
4. Forwarded the report (June 12, 2015) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Licensing and Standards Committee for information.

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