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MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Care Providers and Public Health Units

FROM: Dr. Kieran M. Moore
Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario

RE: Monkeypox

Dear colleagues:

I am writing to notify all healthcare providers and local public health units that effective today, June 16, 2022, monkeypox has been designated a Disease of Public Health Significance (DOPHS) as "Smallpox and other Orthopoxviruses including Monkeypox" under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA).

Amendments have been made to the following regulations under the HPPA:

- Designation of Diseases (Ontario Regulation 135/18): to list monkeypox as a DOPHS and designate it as both a communicable and virulent disease; and
- Reports (Regulation 569): to specify the additional information to be included in the reports required under sections 25 and 26 of the HPPA.

In addition, now that monkeypox is a DOPHS under the HPPA, the monkeypox Order issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health under Section 77.6 on May 20, 2022, is no longer in effect and has been removed from the Ministry of Health's website.


Persons required to report DOPHS and/or communicable diseases under the HPPA are now required to report directly to the local Medical Officer of Health in accordance with the reporting requirements in the Act, as per routine disease processes.

Attached is the Infectious Disease Appendix for "Smallpox and other Orthopoxviruses including Monkeypox" under the Ontario Public Health Standards to support public health unit case and contact management. In addition, please refer to the following websites for more information:

- [Monkeypox Virus \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.gov.on.ca) (FAQ's and vaccine guidance for Post-Exposure Prophylaxis, Storage and handling).
- [Monkeypox | Public Health Ontario](https://www.health.gov.on.ca) (including epidemiological summary, specimen collection and handling, IPAC for acute care).

We thank you for your ongoing collaboration and timely response to this evolving event in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kieran Moore".

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