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Local Case of Pertussis

- GBPH has received report of a confirmed case of Pertussis (whooping cough) in an unimmunized child who recently returned from travel out of country.
- Potential exposures at Old Colony Mennonite Church, Alma (Wellington County).

Human Trafficking resources now available

 Resources to assist local service providers in responding to and navigating human trafficking.

Home Takeover resources, response tools available

 Committee has developed resources to raise awareness of 'Home Takeover' issue and assist community partners in responding.

Dietitians can assist patients to unlock the potential of food

· March is Nutrition Month. The theme is 'Unlock the Potential of Food: Find a Dietitian.'

BORN welcomes new executive director

Alicia St. Hill takes on the role with Better Outcomes Registry & Network (BORN).

Group A Streptococcal Disease Resources

- Effectiveness & Safety of Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Persons Exposed to Cases of Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease: A Systemic Review. National Library of Medicine.
- Group A streptococcal (GAS) pharyngitis: A practical guide to diagnosis and treatment.

Canadian Chronic Disease Surveillance System posts newly updated data

• Data covers more than 20 chronic diseases/conditions and other selected outcomes from every province and territory, now up to 2019-20.

Public Health Alerts/Memos to Health Care Professionals

- Feb. 24, 2023 Healthcare Provider Memo: Measles Preparation and Monitoring
- Feb. 22, 2023 <u>Healthcare Provider Memo regarding Sexual Health Testing</u>, <u>Treatment</u>, and Clinical Services.
- Feb. 15, 2023 Letter from GBPH and SON regarding the importance of collaboration to address the stigma of seeking addiction and mental health supports.

Educational opportunities

- The National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools is holding a <u>virtual workshop</u> on Evidence-Informed Decision-Making. March 8, 2023, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The Ontario Public Health Convention (TOPHC 2023) features a virtual convention March 27 and in-person workshops March 30. Registration link.

Grey Bruce Public Health Media Releases

- Feb. 27, 2023 GBPH reporting three overdoses, including one fatal, in recent days
- Feb. 7, 2023 GBPH offering Sexual Health Clinic services in more communities