



CCSA memo outlines harms of xylazine in unregulated drug supply

- Combination of xylazine and opioids, benzodiazepines, or both increases risk of drug poisoning and complicates response protocols due to prolonged sedation.
- Naloxone will not reverse the effects of xylazine or benzodiazepines.
- There are practical, public health-focused actions/tools to mitigate the risks and harms of xylazine exposure.

Chief MOH advising people to delay next COVID-19 booster until fall

- Receiving a booster dose in the fall will maximize protection against COVID-19 outcomes when peak circulation of the virus is expected.
- Getting a booster before the fall may be appropriate for certain individuals based on their unique health status and personal situation.

GBPH shares updated Reportable Diseases of PH Significance document

- Three more diseases - anaplasmosis, babesiosis, and Powassan virus - were added in early July to the Reportable Diseases of Public Health Significance list.

alPHA releases 'Business Case for Local Public Health' two-pager

- Document discusses the work and value of local public health, returns on investment of local public health, and importance of the provincial government providing sufficient and sustainable base funding to support public health.

A WORD ABOUT COVID-19

Bivalent COVID-19 mRNA vaccines can now be used for primary series initiation or completion in children and adults aged 6 months and older. Monovalent vaccines may still be used for the primary series.

The full, updated Ministry of Health COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance document is available at the following link: [Vaccine Guidance](#).

Public Health Memos/Alerts for Health Care Professionals: Latest Posts

- July 8, 2023 - [Update on GBPH summer suspension program and available vaccine clinics](#)

Resources for Primary Care Providers

- [Older adults and non-response to rabies post-exposure prophylaxis: Challenges and approaches](#), CCDR article, June 2023.
- [Acute severe hepatitis of unknown origin in children](#), CCDR article, June 2023.
- [Lessons learned from implementing a surge capacity support program for COVID-19 contact management in Ontario](#), Canadian Journal of Public Health, May 2023.
- [Trends in clinical characteristics and outcomes of all critically ill COVID-19 adult patients hospitalized in France between March 2020 and June 2021: a national data-base study](#), Annals of Intensive Care 2023.
- [A population-based assessment of avoidable hospitalizations and resource use of non-vaccinated patients with COVID-19](#), Canadian Journal of Public Health, May 2023.

Grey Bruce Public Health Media Releases: January 2023

- July 10, 2023 - [GBPH reminds residents that smoking, vaping prohibited near sports fields, playgrounds, rec centres](#)