

## GBPH continuing to monitor provincial, national measles activity

- No cases reported in Grey-Bruce to date.
- As of March 27, 2024, there have been nine measles cases reported in Ontario this year. Eight of the cases have been travel-related, with one having an unknown source of exposure. To date, there have been no reports of secondary cases.
- [March 27, 2024 - Memo from Ontario's Chief MOH Dr. Kieran Moore](#) contains key actions and key resources for healthcare providers related to measles.
- PHO is publishing weekly [Measles in Ontario](#) enhanced epidemiological summaries.
- PHO's [Measles resource for Healthcare Providers](#) was updated March 15, 2024, and includes information on diagnosis, testing, and IPAC practices, including updated direction for all HCWs to wear a fit-tested, seal-checked N95 mask when caring for suspected or confirmed measles patients, regardless of the HWCs immunity.
- March 27, 2024 - Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit Media Release - [Corrected lab result shows March 12 measles case in Simcoe-Muskoka did not have measles](#)

## Preparation well underway for spring COVID-19 vaccine campaign

- GBPH is asking local Healthcare Providers to complete the following survey regarding plans for administering COVID-19 vaccines this spring: [Survey Link](#).
- Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health has notified Public Health Units that, in alignment with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, individuals who are at [increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19](#) may receive an additional dose of an XBB-containing COVID-19 vaccine this spring (April - June 2024).

## GBPH shares eclipse resources

- March 26, 2024 - Media Release: [GBPH advises residents to protect their visual health during solar eclipse](#)
- GBPH has also created the following printable resources:
  - [FAQ on Solar Eclipse Safety](#).
  - [Infographic on Solar Eclipse Safety](#).

## Resources for Primary Care Professionals: Latest Posts

- March 15, 2024 - GBPH has updated its [STI Treatment Reference Guide](#), which can be found on our website along with an [ordering form for publicly funded STI medications](#).
- PHO has updated their [IPAC Checklist for Clinical Office Practice](#), which aims to aid clinical office practices in conducting their own IPAC self-assessment and provides summarized information on Provincial IPAC recommendations.
- Canadian Communicable Disease Report (CCDR), January/February 2024, [Burden of disease of RSV in infants, children and pregnant people](#).
- CCDR, January/February 2024, [Canadian vaccine safety surveillance reports following immunization](#).
- CCDR, January/February 2024, [COVID-19 outcome trends by vaccination status in Canada](#). This surveillance report provides a retrospective descriptive analysis of national trends in COVID-19 cases and severe outcomes by vaccination status.

## Grey Bruce Public Health Media Releases: March 2024

- March 5, 2024 - [Public Health issues opioid alert following multiple drug overdoses within 24 hours](#)
- March 15, 2024: [GBPH encourages residents to test their well water this spring](#)