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Changes to Mandatory Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Reporting Requirements

To improve chlamydia and gonorrhea case management, effective September 1, 2019 all health care providers in the SWPH region who receive a positive chlamydia or gonorrhea lab result must complete the [Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Mandatory Reporting Form](https://www.swpublichealth.ca/reportable-disease-forms) (<https://www.swpublichealth.ca/reportable-disease-forms>).

We will advise you when this form is available for download to your EMR.

Education Events

Lyme Disease: Tips and Tricks for Clinicians

- Middlesex-London Health Unit is hosting a webinar on Lyme Disease for physicians and allied healthcare providers:
- **September 19, 2019, 12:15pm**
- [Additional information and to register](http://www.swpca.ca/Event/Detail/31404/Lyme_Disease_Tips_and_Tricks_for_Clinicians)
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Vaccine Hesitancy, Effectiveness and Availability

Register now for the IPAC SWO Education Day!

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- \$20 for IPAC Canada members/\$30 for non-members. Lunch provided.
- Register via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ipac-swo-chapter-meeting-and-education-day-september-27-2019-tickets-56343969329) (<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ipac-swo-chapter-meeting-and-education-day-september-27-2019-tickets-56343969329>) or the [IPAC SWO website](https://swo.ipac-canada.org/) (<https://swo.ipac-canada.org/>) until September 20.

Baby-Friendly Initiative Practical Module for Health Care Professionals

One-day practical workshop supplements key information from the RNAO E-Learning Breastfeeding Course. Completion of the RNAO Breastfeeding E-Learning Course is required prior to the workshop. 6 Mainpro+ credits available

- BMO Centre, 295 Rectory Street, London
- \$30. Lunch provided.
- 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
- Wednesday October 16, Friday November 8 OR Thursday December 5
- [Register with the RNAO](https://rnao.ca/bpg/courses/breastfeeding-e-learning) (<https://rnao.ca/bpg/courses/breastfeeding-e-learning>)

What's New with the Flu?

This Rounds session will highlight the end of season epidemiologic and virologic summary of the 2018–19 season, including its unique features and overview of 2019 influenza season in the Southern Hemisphere.

- Tuesday, October 1 from 12 to 1pm via webinar
- [Registration required](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pho-grand-rounds-whats-new-with-the-flu-201920-season-tickets-69180920997) (<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pho-grand-rounds-whats-new-with-the-flu-201920-season-tickets-69180920997>)

Presentations will include information on: Epidemiology of past season, review of the southern hemisphere influenza season, vaccine effectiveness for 2018-2019 season, Overview of the publicly funded influenza vaccines available for 2019-2020 season, Updates regarding the use of antiviral medications for influenza treatment and prevention, information on influenza and other respiratory virus laboratory testing at Ontario Public Health Lab.

Infectious Diseases Event for HCPs

This educational event for HCPs will focus on HIV PEP and PrEP, LTBI Management, and Antimicrobial Resistance.

- Thursday, October 10, doors open at 5:00pm, event starts at 5:30pm
- Southwestern Public Health St. Thomas Site - 1230 Talbot Street, St. Thomas ON
- Dinner and refreshments provided
- Invitations and registration details coming soon

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SWPH and Canadian Mental Health Association, Elgin are offering the Elgin Perinatal Support Group again this fall. This group is a facilitator-led DROP-IN program for parents of children up to 18 months experiencing perinatal mood or anxiety issues. The session starts Thursday September 19 and runs for 11 weeks. It is held from 1pm – 3pm at the St. Thomas Public Library in the Carnegie Room. Free childcare available. **Call 519-631-9900 x 1277 for more information.**



Infant Feeding in Oxford County



The [Infant Feeding in Oxford County](https://www.swpublichealth.ca/sites/default/files/file-attachments/reports/201906_infant_feeding_in_oxford_county_-_an_in-depth_analysis_of_infants_born_between_january_2015_and_december_2017.pdf) (https://www.swpublichealth.ca/sites/default/files/file-attachments/reports/201906_infant_feeding_in_oxford_county_-_an_in-depth_analysis_of_infants_born_between_january_2015_and_december_2017.pdf) report provides key information on infant feeding practices. Oxford County breastfeeding rates compare favourably with the provincial rate but there are still areas which could improve with interventions.

Smoking Cessation

Stop smoking workshops are held monthly to support residents ready to quit. Workshops are 1.5 hours and participants receive 5 weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy (e.g., patches, gum, lozenges, quickmist, inhaler). To make a referral, complete our [referral form](https://www.swpublichealth.ca/sites/default/files/file-attachments/basic-page/swph_fax_referral_form-_print_1.pdf) (https://www.swpublichealth.ca/sites/default/files/file-attachments/basic-page/swph_fax_referral_form-_print_1.pdf). We will follow up with the referred patient and register them for the workshop. Physicians will receive a follow up letter if your patient attends the workshop.



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