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Communiqué

The following updates are provided for your information and appropriate action:

General information for all health care workers

1. **Work quarantine**

Many health care workers have been asking for information regarding work quarantine. The attached file is a City of Toronto Public Health Fact Sheet outlining work quarantine procedures. Health care workers should follow the advice outlined in the Fact Sheet.

[See Attachment 1]

2. **City of Toronto Public Health hotline**

In response to your request, a City of Toronto Public Health hotline has been created. The phone number for health care facilities and providers is 416 338-1119. This phone number is **NOT** for use by the general public.

3. **SARS Operation Centre**

The SARS Operation Centre phone number continues to be 1 866-212-2272. This phone number is **NOT** for use by the general public.

4. **Fit testing**

Fit Testing of masks is a routine part of doing business. It is important to ensure that the masks are providing the protection necessary. Health care workers who are most at risk of being in close contact with people who have febrile respiratory illnesses should be fit tested as a first priority. This includes people who work in hospital emergency departments, critical care units and SARS units.

The following companies provide mask fit testing services. This list is not exhaustive; you may wish to contact other suppliers in your community.

3M Canada

Ontario Supervisor, Occupational Health Services
Tel: 905 602-3769

Hot Zone

Tel: 1-888-898-8966

Levitt Safety

Tel: 905 829-3299 or 1 800 668-6153

MSA Canada

Tel: 905 602-0338 ext. 5107

North Safety Products

Tel: 416 675-2810

Hospitals

- University Health Network – Toronto General Hospital is a Category 2 following a contained exposure to SARS. The Emergency Department is closed.
- Attached is the revised daily SARS Situation Report to replace the current form. Hospitals are reminded that completion of the information for the Report is a requirement. Please ensure that the information is complete, accurate and submitted by 0800h daily. The information must be approved by clinical or administrative staff before releasing it to the ministry. The document is used by other hospitals, other service providers, ambulance services and others to inform their planning and decision-making.

[See Attachment 2]