

APPENDIX A – Duty to Report Disease

From the “Health Protection and Promotion Act - R.S.O. 1990, Chap.H.7:

Duty of Health Practitioners to report disease:

25 (1) A physician or a practitioner as defined in subsection (2) who, while providing professional services to a person who is not a patient in or an out-patient of a hospital, forms the opinion that the person has or may have a reportable disease shall, as soon as possible after forming the opinion, report thereon to the medical officer of health of the health unit in which the professional services are provided. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 25; 1998, c. 18, Sched. G, s. 55 (2).

Definition

(2) In subsection (1),

“practitioner” means,

- (a) a member of the College of Chiropractors of Ontario,
- (b) a member of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario,
- (c) a member of the College of Nurses of Ontario,
- (d) a member of the Ontario College of Pharmacists,
- (e) a member of the College of Optometrists of Ontario,
- (f) a member of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario,
- (g) a prescribed person. 1998, c. 18, Sched. G, s. 55 (3); 2007, c. 10, Sched. F, s. 3; 2007, c. 10, Sched. P, s. 17.

Carrier of disease

26 A physician or registered nurse in the extended class who, while providing professional services to a person, forms the opinion that the person is or may be infected with an agent of a communicable disease shall, as soon as possible after forming the opinion, report thereon to the medical officer of health of the health unit in which the professional services are provided. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 26; 2007, c. 10, Sched. F, s. 4.

Duty of School Principal to Report Disease:

(From the "Health Protection and Promotion Act - R.S.O. 1990, Chap.H.7)

28 The principal of a school who is of the opinion that a pupil in the school has or may have a communicable disease shall, as soon as possible after forming the opinion, report thereon to the medical officer of health of the health unit in which the school is located. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 28.

And,

(From the "Education Act" - R.S.O. 1990 Chap. E.2, Section 265(k)(l))

- **report to M.O.H.**
(k) to report promptly to the board and to the medical officer of health when the principal has reason to suspect the existence of any communicable disease in the school, and of the unsanitary condition of any part of the school building or the school grounds;
- **persons with communicable diseases**
(l) to refuse admission to the school of any person who the principal believes is infected with or exposed to communicable diseases requiring an order under section 22 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* until furnished with a certificate of a medical officer of health or of a legally qualified medical practitioner approved by the medical officer of health that all danger from exposure to contact with such person has passed;