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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medical officers of health, health sector employers and health care workers

RE: MERS-CoV outbreak in the Republic of Korea

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care continues to collaborate with Public Health Ontario, the Public Health Agency of Canada and others to monitor the risk posed by the Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV), including the cases of MERS-CoV infection recently reported by the Republic of Korea.

The ministry has revised the [MERS-CoV case definition](#) for a person under investigation (PUI) to include patients with acute respiratory infection who visited a health care setting in the Republic of Korea within 14 days before symptom onset. Health care workers should evaluate patients who meet the criteria for a PUI for MERS-CoV infection in addition to other common respiratory pathogens.

As the ministry may make further changes to its guidance for MERS-CoV, health care workers and health sector employers are encouraged to visit this website regularly.

Health sector employers and health care workers may contact the ministry's Health Care Provider Hotline by email at emergencymanagement.moh@ontario.ca or by phone at 1-866-212-2272 with questions about health system readiness for MERS-CoV.

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