

SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Monthly Infectious Diseases Surveillance Report (September 2018)

Reportable disease cases by month in Ontario, 2018

Table 1. Confirmed cases of reportable diseases, and probable cases of select reportable diseases, by month: Ontario, 2018

Reportable disease	2018 Case counts by month												2018 Year-to-month (July)		2013-2017 avg Year-to-month (July)	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Count	Rate †	Count	Rate †
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.0	n/a	n/a
AIDS	8	5	3	5	7	10	3						41	2.8	43.8	3.2
Amebiasis	38	43	46	33	37	52	38						287	19.9	498.2	36.0
Blastomycosis~	4	3	3	4	3	3	5						25	1.7	n/a	n/a
Botulism	1	0	0	2	0	0	0						3	0.2	0.6	0.0
Brucellosis	0	0	2	0	0	1	0						3	0.2	2.6	0.2
Campylobacter enteritis	163	166	176	198	233	322	497						1755	121.5	1905.0	137.5
Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE)~	-	-	-	-	38	28	23						89	6.2	n/a	n/a
Chlamydial Infections	4068	3465	4045	3778	3753	3731	3834						26674	1847.4	22427.6	n/a
Cholera	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.0	0.8	0.1
Cryptosporidiosis	32	30	41	40	35	55	115						348	24.1	168.4	12.2
Cyclosporiasis	3	3	7	8	44	120	53						238	16.5	177.0	12.8
Echinococcus multilocularis Infection~	-	-	-	-	0	0	0						0	0	n/a	n/a
Encephalitis	4	2	3	1	0	1	3						14	1.0	15.8	1.1
Encephalitis/Meningitis	7	12	9	9	13	12	22						84	5.8	87.4	6.3
Food Poisoning, All Causes	12	2	5	2	1	1	0						23	1.6	27.2	2.0
Giardiasis	122	118	131	101	132	103	140						847	58.7	711.2	51.3
Gonorrhoea (All Types)	709	664	662	745	835	895	982						5492	380.4	3388.6	244.7
Group A Streptococcal Disease, Invasive	137	121	95	125	106	81	72						737	51.0	453.0	32.7

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Group B Streptococcal Disease, Neonatal	5	5	10	2	4	3	4						33	2.3	29.2	2.1
Haemophilus Influenzae Disease, All Types, Invasive*	0	0	0	10	25	14	30						79	5.5	n/a	n/a
Hepatitis A	4	8	5	8	18	15	28						86	6.0	50.6	3.7
Hepatitis B (Acute)	6	12	5	8	10	6	4						51	3.5	58.0	4.2
Hepatitis B (Chronic)	138	113	108	113	102	101	89						764	52.9	n/a	n/a
Hepatitis C	415	395	453	432	449	437	417						2998	207.6	2585.0	186.6
HIV	67	66	57	82	68	84	65						489	33.9	442.6	32.0
Influenza	6054	5726	3047	1243	170	12	12						16264	1126.4	8859.0	639.6
Legionellosis	10	13	7	7	9	18	36						100	6.9	82.8	6.0
Leprosy	0	1	0	0	0	0	0						1	0.1	2.4	0.2
Listeriosis	4	7	8	2	7	6	4						38	2.6	32.6	2.4
Lyme Disease	6	6	5	3	56	117	111						304	21.1	310.6	22.4
Measles	0	2	2	0	2	1	1						8	0.6	#	#
Meningitis	12	8	17	10	11	16	14						88	6.1	83.0	6.0
Meningococcal Disease, Invasive	7	3	3	2	3	1	3						22	1.5	18.0	1.3
Mumps	18	24	20	4	10	8	2						86	6.0	43.6	3.1
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	0	0	0	0	0	0						1	0.1	1.6	0.1
Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.0	n/a	n/a
Paratyphoid Fever	2	1	2	4	5	2	1						17	1.2	22.6	1.6
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	40	27	21	21	38	51	28						226	15.7	255.2	18.4
Q Fever	0	0	0	1	0	0	1						2	0.1	7.6	0.5
Rabies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rubella	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.0	#	#
Rubella, Congenital Syndrome	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.0	#	#
Salmonellosis	237	196	230	180	230	213	288						1574	109.0	1681.0	121.4
Shigellosis	26	23	28	21	18	13	29						158	10.9	165.4	11.9
Streptococcus Pneumoniae, Invasive	142	149	139	141	104	63	61						799	55.3	643.6	46.5
Syphilis, Early Congenital	0	0	1	0	0	0	0						1	0.1	1.2	0.1
Syphilis, Infectious	139	121	161	153	156	129	122						981	67.9	657.0	47.4

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Syphilis, Other	83	62	89	65	71	70	45						485	33.6	390.0	28.2
Tetanus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.0	1.2	0.1
Tuberculosis	40	30	64	47	49	62	63						355	24.6	371.2	26.8
Tularemia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Typhoid Fever	8	9	19	12	10	8	6						72	5.0	42.6	3.1
Verotoxin Producing E. coli Including HUS	7	5	7	13	13	20	31						96	6.6	78.2	5.6
West Nile Virus Illness	0	0	0	0	1	0	10						11	0.8	8.4	0.6
Yersiniosis	30	26	38	29	18	19	36						196	13.6	139.6	10.1

‡ Rates are for cases per 1,000,000 population.

\* Prior to May 1, 2018, only *Haemophilus influenzae* (Hi) serotype b was reportable. As of May 1, 2018, all serotypes (a, b, c, d, e, f, non-typeable, and undifferentiated) became designated under diseases of public health significance under Hi. As of May 1, 2018, cases of non-type b Hi were reported in iPHIS, some with accurate episode dates in April. All serotypes of Hi with reported dates as of May 1, 2018, regardless of the episode date, are included in Table 1. Two of the ten cases of Hi with accurate episode dates in April were serotype b.

~ 2018 YTM counts and rates only represent a partial year for Blastomycosis, Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE), and *Echinococcus multilocularis* Infection, which first became designated under diseases of public health significance in Ontario on May 1, 2018. Note: Blastomycosis cases with episode dates for any time in 2018 are included in this monthly report, whereas only cases with episode dates from May 1 onwards are included for CPE (no cases reported for *Echinococcus multilocularis* Infection to date).

n/a Five-year historical data are not yet available for these diseases (n/a):

- Acute Flaccid Paralysis and Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning, which became reportable in Ontario in December 2013.
- Hepatitis B (Chronic), which became reportable in December 2014.
- Blastomycosis, Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae, and *Echinococcus multilocularis* Infection, first designated in May 2018.
- Hi, due to the changes in reporting in May 2018.

# Historical comparison data are not provided for measles, rubella, and congenital rubella syndrome because these diseases have been eliminated in Canada. However, as these diseases remain endemic in other countries, imported and import-related cases continue to occur in Ontario.

**Ontario Cases:** Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted by Public Health Ontario [2018/09/12]; [2018/09/06] for CPE only.

**Ontario Population:** Population Projections [2017-2018] and Estimates [2013-2016], Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, IntelliHEALTH Ontario, Dates Extracted [2017/10/24] for Projections and [2017/10/19] for Estimates.

## Data notes and caveats

- iPHIS is a dynamic reporting system which allows ongoing updates to data previously entered. As a result, data extracted from iPHIS represent a snap shot at the time of extraction and may differ from previous or subsequent reports. The data only represent cases reported to public health and recorded in iPHIS, that meet the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's confirmed and/or probable [surveillance case definitions](#) in place at the time that the case was reported. The potential for underreporting and unresolved duplicates exists.
- Case counts for amebiasis, invasive *Haemophilus influenzae* disease (all types), invasive meningococcal disease, Lyme disease, mumps, pertussis, and West Nile Virus illness are based on the sum of confirmed and probable cases as reported in iPHIS. All other diseases reported in the table are based on confirmed cases only.
- Chronic and acute hepatitis B case counts are not mutually exclusive and should not be added to obtain a total for hepatitis B cases in Ontario.
- A case is reported as encephalitis and/or meningitis when an agent is not specifically identified through laboratory testing or is not reportable.
- Case counts of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) include CPE – Infection, CPE – Colonization, CPE – Unspecified. Where multiple reports with the same carbapenemase are entered in iPHIS for a client, only the first report is included.
- Table 1 is not an exhaustive list of all reportable diseases in Ontario. Historical annual counts and rates for most reportable diseases are available in the [Reportable Disease Trends in Ontario reports](#). The following reportable diseases/outbreaks are omitted from the table:
  - Counts of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, which are not updated frequently enough for monthly publication as a result of an additional data reconciliation step that is required.
  - Diseases that are extremely rare or have zero incidence in recent years: anthrax, chancroid, diphtheria, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, hemorrhagic fevers and Lassa fever, plague, acute poliomyelitis, psittacosis/ornithosis, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), smallpox, and trichinosis.
  - Diseases that are only reportable in outbreak situations or as a combination of individual and aggregate counts: chickenpox (varicella), *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) outbreaks in public hospitals, and institutional outbreaks of gastroenteritis and respiratory infections.
- Detailed reporting on institutional outbreaks of respiratory infections is available in the [Ontario Respiratory Pathogen Bulletin](#).
- Information on CDI outbreaks in public hospitals is available in the [Reportable Disease Trends in Ontario reports](#).

- Cases that do not reside in Ontario or for whom the Disposition Status was reported as entered in error, does not meet definition, or as a duplicate record have been excluded.
- Case counts for tuberculosis and AIDS are based on diagnosis date, HIV case counts are based on encounter date, congenital rubella syndrome cases are based on the date of birth, CPE case counts are based on the earliest specimen collection date (cases with missing specimen collection dates are excluded), and case counts for all other diseases are based on episode date. The episode date is an estimate of the onset date of disease for a case. In order to determine this date, the following hierarchy is in place in iPHIS: Onset Date > Specimen Collection Date > Lab Test Date > Reported Date. If an onset date exists ,it will be used as the episode date. If not available, then the next available date in the hierarchy will be used.