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Dear Colleague:

RE: Mumps

- Over the past month a small cluster of mumps has been observed in the Winnipeg area, primarily among partially immunized and unimmunized populations.
- Suspected clinical cases of mumps should be tested by buccal swab for viral culture/PCR in addition to serology. The Manitoba Health Communicable Disease protocol outlines the appropriate sampling methods for laboratory diagnosis as well as the recommended public health management of cases and contacts: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/mumps.pdf>
- Healthcare providers are encouraged to review immunization histories and update vaccinations as required.

Please share this communication with all colleagues in your department, facility or clinic. For questions, please contact a local public health office or Manitoba Health at 788-8666 or check the CDC web page at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/index.html>

Sincerely,

“Original Signed By”

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