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NOTICE

To all Health and Long-Term Care Facilities and Service Providers

(Please replace the May 23, 2003 Urgent Notice with this Notice)

A new cluster of possible SARS patients is under investigation by public health units in Toronto and York Region.

While the investigation is underway, please ensure that the following facilities are included in your screening process: North York General Hospital, St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto, and Scarborough Hospital-General Site.

- Individuals who were at the following facilities between the specified dates noted below are being asked to self-isolate and call Toronto Public Health at 416-338-7600:
 - North York General Hospital between May 13 and May 23
 - St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto between May 9 and May 22
 - Scarborough Hospital-General Site between May 12 and May 23
- Those who were at St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital between May 1 and 8 should call Toronto Public Health and self-isolate if they have symptoms of SARS
- Those who were at North York General Hospital between April 22 and May 12 should call Toronto Public Health and self-isolate if they have symptoms of SARS

Health Care Facility	Dates	Notes
North York General Hospital	Between May 13 and May 23	
North York General Hospital	Between April 22 and May 12	If SARS symptoms present
St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital	Between May 9 and May 22	
St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital	Between May 1 and May 8	If SARS symptoms present
Scarborough Hospital – General Site	Between May 12 and May 23	

It is very important that practitioners and facilities continue rigorous surveillance for SARS and other communicable diseases, and work together to ensure the health care system can respond effectively.

Facilities and providers can expect ongoing communication from the Ontario government as new information becomes available. Information will be posted on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website at www.health.gov.on.ca/login (password: sarsrep) and will be sent to the same recipients as this notice.