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Dear Health Care Providers in Eastern Ontario:

**RE: Revised start date of 2021-2022 Season for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
Prophylaxis for High-Risk Infants Program for Eastern Ontario – October 4, 2021**

Eastern Ontario is currently experiencing a greater number of RSV-positive cases relative to the rest of Ontario. As such, the RSV season for Eastern Ontario will begin on October 4, 2021. Administering doses before the RSV season start date of Oct 4, 2021 is not permitted.

Areas considered in the region of Eastern Ontario include: the cities of Brockville, Cornwall, Kingston, Ottawa and Pembroke, the towns of Gananoque, Prescott and Smiths Falls, and the counties of Frontenac, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Prescott and Russell, Renfrew, and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

As a reminder, the maximum number of doses of palivizumab allowed this season will be set to 6 doses. Any additional doses will need ministry approval prior to administration.

More information on the current season, and any updates during the season, can be found at the ministry's website here:

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/funded_drug/fund_respiratory.aspx

Sincerely,

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