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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 2018

TO: Hospitals (ER staff), Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Family Health Teams, Centres de santé communautaire & Ambulance (First Responders)

FROM: Timiskaming Health Unit, Environmental Health Program

SUBJECT: Annual Reminder – Reporting Requirements of Animal Bites

Please be reminded of R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 557, s. 2 (1):

“A physician, registered nurse in the extended class, veterinarian, police officer or any other person who has information concerning any animal bite or other animal contact that may result in rabies in persons shall as soon as possible notify the medical officer of health and provide the medical officer of health with the information.”

During regular office hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, please fax the completed form to the Timiskaming Health Units confidential **fax # 705-647-5779**.

Should a patient report on an evening, weekend or Statutory Holiday, the physician (or hospital staff) must immediately call the Timiskaming Health Unit’s After-Hours On-Call # 705-647-3033. In addition, the completed form should also be faxed to the above mentioned confidential fax number.

We trust you will give this matter your immediate attention and we appreciate your continued cooperation. Should you require any further information, kindly do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you!