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Three deaths in Halton this year from Group A strep

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Halton Region public health is confirming that three people have died since the beginning of this year from Group A strep infections.

The bacteria, which ranges from very mild infections to severe cases, has taken the life of a young mother in Markham earlier this month.

In rare cases, strep A bacteria can lead to an invasive gas disease (iGAS), which is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream.

In Halton, there have been eight reported cases of Group A strep, three of which have been fatal.

Halton Healthcare has confirmed that there have been cases of Group A strep at the George-

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Ted Amott/Metroland

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott says he accepts the outcome of the Progressive Conservative leadership nomination, and is willing to work with Doug Ford, the winner of the election. See story page 8.

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