

Who we are Public Health Ontario (the new operating name for the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion) is an arm's-length government agency dedicated to protecting and promoting the health of all Ontarians and reducing inequities in health. As a hub organization, Public Health Ontario links public health practitioners, front-line health workers and researchers to the best scientific intelligence and knowledge from around the world.

What we do Public Health Ontario provides expert scientific and technical support to government, local public health units and health care providers relating to the following:

- Emergency management support
 - Environmental and occupational health
 - Health promotion, chronic disease and injury prevention
 - Infectious disease prevention and control
 - Surveillance and epidemiology
 - Public health laboratory services
- Public Health Ontario's work also includes research, professional development and knowledge services.

Qui sommes-nous? Santé publique Ontario (le nouveau nom de l'Agence ontarienne de protection et de promotion de la santé) est un organisme gouvernemental indépendant voué à la protection et à la promotion de la santé de l'ensemble de la population ontarienne, ainsi qu'à la réduction des inégalités en matière de santé. En tant qu'organisation pivot, SPO met les connaissances et les renseignements scientifiques les plus pointus du monde entier à la portée des professionnels de la santé publique, des travailleurs de la santé de première ligne et des chercheurs.

Que faisons-nous? Santé publique Ontario fournit un soutien scientifique et technique spécialisé au gouvernement, aux bureaux de santé publique locaux et aux fournisseurs de soins de santé dans les secteurs suivants:

- soutien à la gestion des situations d'urgence
- santé environnementale et santé au travail
- promotion de la santé, prévention des maladies chroniques et des traumatismes
- prévention et contrôle des maladies infectieuses
- surveillance et épidémiologie
- services de laboratoires de santé publique

Le travail de Santé publique Ontario comprend également de la recherche, du perfectionnement professionnel et des services d'acquisition de connaissances.

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Infectious Disease Prevention and Control



Infectious Disease Prevention and Control (IDPC)

The Infectious Disease Prevention and Control (IDPC) department at Public Health Ontario is responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of strategies and programs to prevent and control infectious diseases in acute care, long-term care and community settings. Focusing on health care-associated infections and infections of public health importance, the IDPC department comprises the following roles and functions.

Regional Infection Control Networks (RICNs)

- Coordinate infection prevention and control activities
- Promote standardization in health care facilities
- Facilitate knowledge transfer, information sharing, and continuing education
- Ensure efficient distribution of resources

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Infection Control Resource Teams

- Onsite assistance with outbreak investigation and management in hospitals
- Teams of health care professionals specializing in microbiology, public health and infection control

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The Infectious Disease Prevention and Control department also provides consultation and support for local public health units and community stakeholders. Team members are in regular contact with staff from all 36 local public health units to provide consultation and guidance regarding best evidence-supported infection prevention and control practices in a wide variety of community settings, including child care, long-term care and personal services settings. The team also contributes to the development of guidance documents released as Ontario Public Health Standards and Protocols.

Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

- In partnership with the Ontario Hospital Association
- A collaboration among hospital pharmacy, physicians and infection control practitioners
- Develop tools and resources to evaluate, measure and support appropriate antimicrobial use

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Just Clean Your Hands

- Improve safety and reducing infection using practical, evidence-based tools
- Promote and implement hand hygiene best practices in health care settings

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Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committees

- Create best practice guidelines and knowledge products for health care practitioners
- Focus on communicable diseases, infection prevention and control, immunization, and surveillance

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Enteric Diseases

- Monitor and investigate multi-jurisdictional enteric outbreaks
- Advise on outbreak control measures
- Support for health units
- Project delivery to improve the quality and effectiveness of the enteric diseases program

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Core Competency Modules

- Aimed at front-line health care providers
- Education tools to minimize risk of infection for patients and staff
- E-learning format

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Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Diseases

- Scientific and technical advice, risk assessment support and specialist support to health units
- Active vector surveillance for both mosquito and tick vectors
- Data mining and analysis
- Advisory support for Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care programs

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