

The 2022 Ontario Budget was released on April 28th, 2022. It is largely focused on rebuilding Ontario's economy after two years of focus on the COVID-19 pandemic response. There is virtually no mention of public health in this document besides referring to the "public health measures" that were such a significant setback to the economy during this time. The plan is built on five pillars, namely Rebuilding Ontario's Economy; Working for Workers; Building Highways and Key Infrastructure; Keeping Costs Down; and A Plan to Stay Open. This final pillar has already been discussed by alPHA's members following the Government's "[Plan to Stay Open](#)" announcement on March 29, the details of which are almost exclusively focused on investments in health care.

Links to the official documents and an excerpt relevant to local public health are provided below.

- Landing page for the 2022 Ontario Budget is [here](#).
- The full Budget can be read online and downloaded [here](#).
- Budget highlights are [here](#).
- The News Release is [here](#).

Excerpt from the Ontario Budget related to Public Health

COVID-19 Time-Limited Funding is projected to be \$6.9 billion in 2022–23, with \$2.8 billion funded through the Time-Limited COVID-19 Fund, and includes key additional investments, such as:

- *\$171 million to support the public health sector including funding to enhance COVID-19 monitoring and case and contact management, the continuation of the Infection Prevention and Control Hubs, the extension of school-focused nurses and continued support of the High Priority Communities Strategy (P. 181)*

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