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Key Highlights

- Record response to the 2026 alPHA AGM & Conference: the event is now sold out.
- This year's program reflects key issues for local public health, including leadership, funding, and Ontario's changing policy environment.
- We continue to await further updates from the Ministry regarding the public health funding review and the finalized 2026 Ontario Public Health Standards.
- Building our sector's ability to demonstrate measurable impact and value remains an important priority.
- As this is my final Chair's update, I want to extend my sincere thanks to the membership and all those supporting local public health across Ontario.

Looking Ahead to Our June Conference

I am delighted by the exceptional response to this year's alPHA AGM & Conference. We have reached the highest number of registrants in alPHA conference history, and the conference is now sold out.

This strong response reflects the value members place on gathering in person to learn, connect, and discuss the issues shaping the future of local public health in Ontario.

A Timely Opportunity for Sector Dialogue

This year's conference theme, Strengthening Public Health Leadership in a Changing Landscape, is especially timely. Taken together, the program reflects both the breadth of issues facing local public health and the importance of strong leadership across our sector.

We continue to await further updates from the Ministry regarding the public health funding review and the finalized 2026 Ontario Public Health Standards.

The conference therefore comes at an important time. I know members will welcome the opportunity to hear directly from Dr. Moore on current priorities and key provincial issues affecting local public health agencies.

Continuing to Strengthen Our Sector

As a sector, we must continue building our ability to demonstrate impact clearly and credibly. Public health improves health outcomes, but it also contributes to stronger, more resilient communities and supports economic stability.

In a period of fiscal pressure and uncertainty, our ability to show evidence, outcomes, avoided costs, and practical value will continue to matter.

A Final Thank You

As this will be my final newsletter article as Chair of the Board of Directors, I want to close with heartfelt thanks.

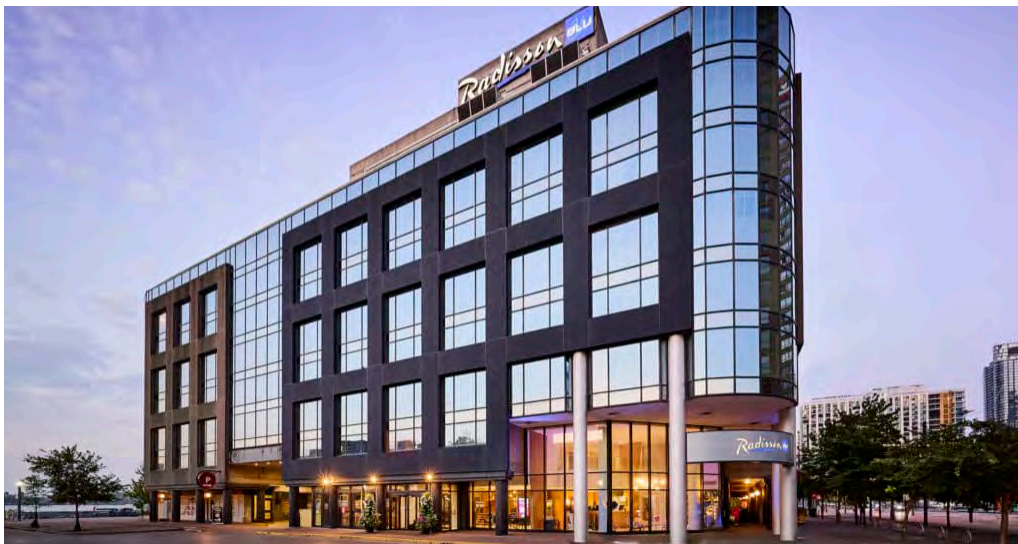
Thank you to staff across local public health agencies, to leadership teams, Boards of Health, Associate and Medical Officers of Health, and all those working every day to protect and improve health in communities across Ontario. Your work strengthens not only population health, but also the resilience of our communities.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude to ALPHA Staff, and to my colleagues on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, who have generously volunteered their time and expertise to advance the goals of our sector. It has been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated leaders.

Serving as Chair has been a true honour. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to ALPHA's work and to support such an important sector.

Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang
Chair, ALPHA Board of Directors

The 2026 ALPHA Annual General Meeting and Conference is sold out



We're incredibly grateful for the strong interest in this year's ALPHA Conference and AGM. Thanks to our engaged and enthusiastic members, the event has officially sold out!

Your ongoing support and interest mean a great deal to us, and we're already looking at ways to expand access in the future.

If you are registered to attend the conference, be sure to check out the [conference page](#) for additional information and regular updates. Please note, due to Premier Doug Ford's schedule, the schedule has been slightly revised. Here is an overview of the timeline for events and their locations:

- **June 8: Mobile Workshop: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT - Please note, only those registered for the mobile workshop may partake. **The meeting point is the lobby of the Radisson Blu.****
- **Opening Reception: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. EDT**
- **June 9: AGM & Conference: 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT**
- **June 10: BOH Section Meeting: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT**
- **June 10: COMOH Section Meeting: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT**



Thank you

2026 ALPHA AGM and Conference sponsors!

ALPHA would like to thank Northwestern Health Unit for co-hosting the 2026 AGM and Conference. We are pleased to announce there is already strong interest from previous sponsors. Additional sponsors are welcome. Our current sponsors include:

This event is co-hosted by ALPHA and Northwestern Health Unit



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There will also be various opportunities to win prizes, including a door prize, from GenWell for a complimentary online webinar for a local public health unit.

2026 ALPHA Workplace Health and Wellness Month



This year’s ALPHA Workplace Health and Wellness Month is already off to a great start, with not only the lunch and learn session with GenWell, but with strong support from you, including Renfrew County and District Health Unit! They have shared the first two weeks of their activities with the ALPHA Membership (below). We want to thank them for their active participation!

We can’t wait to see what you do for your mental, physical, and social well-being this May. And, in order to get ideas, head to the [ALPHA Workplace Health and Wellness landing page](#) to view our infographics!

2026 ALPHA Workplace Health & Wellness Month

WEEK 1: CONNECTION

MONDAY Connection Style Quiz - Mental Health Week, CMHA (Teams Channel)	 
TUESDAY Pause with Patti 9:00 AM (Virtual Meeting)	
WEDNESDAY Share Your Favourite Recipe! (Teams Channel)	
THURSDAY Fact Sheet: Strengthening connection, well-being, and support at work (Teams Channel)	
FRIDAY Team Walks - Morning & Afternoon 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM (Main Entrance)	

Reminder: To access online activities and discussions, keep an eye on the 2026 ALPHA Workplace Health & Wellness Month Teams channel (located in the RCDHU All Staff Scheduling channel)

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2026 ALPHA Workplace Health & Wellness Month

WEEK 2: MINDFULNESS

MONDAY Mindful Monday BINGO Cards in staff room	 
TUESDAY Pause with Patti 9:00 AM (Virtual)	
WEDNESDAY 5 Senses Scavenger Hunt Cards in staff room	
THURSDAY Calm Colouring Creations Pages and pencils in staff room	
FRIDAY Mindful Marina Care Walk 10:30 AM (Main Entrance)	

Reminder: To access online activities and discussions, keep an eye on the 2026 ALPHA Workplace Health & Wellness Month Teams channel (located in the RCDHU All Staff Scheduling channel)

RENFREW COUNTY AND DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT 

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GenWell Lunch and Learn Session - Recap



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the GenWell Lunch-and-Learn session to kick off alPHA's Workplace Health and Wellness Month on May 1.

For those who attended, and those who were unable to join, we are pleased to share the [presentation slides](#). This engaging session highlighted the critical role of social health in our workplaces and communities. As discussed during the webinar, social connection is a powerful (and often overlooked) driver of well-being, resilience, and organizational success.

A few key takeaways from the session:

- Social health is as important as physical and mental health, yet many people are unaware of its impact
- Disconnection and loneliness continue to affect a significant portion of Canadians, with real implications for health and well-being
- Even small, intentional actions, such as connecting with colleagues, neighbours, and community members, can have a meaningful impact
- More connected workplaces can improve employee well-being, engagement, and productivity

We are also pleased to share that GenWell's Founder, Pete Bombaci, will be joining us at the Opening Reception on June 8. Pete will be facilitating opportunities to connect and reconnect with colleagues and special guests, bringing the principles of social connection to life in a meaningful and engaging way.

As we move through Workplace Health and Wellness Month, we encourage you to reflect on how you, your teams, and your organizations can foster stronger connections, both within the workplace and in the communities you serve.

Toronto Public Health: Public Health Impacts of Climate Change in Toronto dashboard

The screenshot shows the dashboard interface for Toronto Public Health. At the top left is the Toronto Public Health logo. To the right are buttons for 'Download Data' and 'Technical Notes'. The main title is 'Public Health Impacts of Climate Change in Toronto', with a sub-note 'Dashboard last updated on: Mar 31, 2026'. Below the title is a navigation bar with seven tabs: 'Overview' (highlighted), 'Extreme Temperature', 'Severe Weather', 'Air Quality', 'Vector Ecology', 'Food and Water Safety', and 'UV Radiation'. A large blue banner below the navigation bar repeats the title. The main content area contains a paragraph explaining the importance of monitoring climate change impacts on health, followed by the purpose of the dashboard. Below this is a call to action: 'Click on the icons below or the navigation buttons along the top to view the related environmental exposure and health information:'. Six circular icons are displayed in a 2x3 grid, each with a label: 'Extreme Temperature' (thermometer), 'Severe Weather' (cloud with lightning), 'Air Quality' (lungs), 'Vector Ecology' (mosquito), 'Food and Water Safety' (microorganism), and 'UV Radiation' (sun). At the bottom, a 'References' section lists a source from the Health of Canadians in a changing climate report.

Toronto Public Health [Download Data](#) [Technical Notes](#)

Public Health Impacts of Climate Change in Toronto

Dashboard last updated on: Mar 31, 2026







[Overview](#) [Extreme Temperature](#) [Severe Weather](#) [Air Quality](#) [Vector Ecology](#) [Food and Water Safety](#) [UV Radiation](#)

Public Health Impacts of Climate Change in Toronto

Monitoring the health impacts of climate change in Toronto is important as it allows for the identification of trends in health events, enhances understanding of impacts on vulnerable populations, guides policy decisions, and strengthens the public health response. Climate risks to health, safety, and well-being are complex and mediated by the social determinants of health. The impacts of climate change amplify existing socio-economic vulnerabilities and inequities, unfairly affecting people who already face challenges.¹

The purpose of this dashboard is to monitor measurable and actionable public health indicators that connect climate change to human health outcomes.

Click on the icons below or the navigation buttons along the top to view the related environmental exposure and health information:

-  Extreme Temperature
-  Severe Weather
-  Air Quality
-  Vector Ecology
-  Food and Water Safety
-  UV Radiation

References

1. Schnitter R, Moores E, Berry P, Verret M, Buse C, Macdonald C, et al. Climate change and health equity. In: Berry P, Schnitter R, editors. Health of Canadians in a changing climate: Advancing our knowledge for action [Internet]. Ottawa (ON): Government of Canada; 2022 [cited 2026 Mar 19]. Available from: <https://changingclimate.ca/health-in-a-changing-climate/chapter/9/>

Toronto Public Health's Epidemiology and Data Analytics Unit has developed its inaugural Public Health Impacts of Climate Change in Toronto dashboard. It was developed in response to a Board of Health recommendation to develop a dedicated surveillance framework for systematic and routine monitoring of climate change-related health impacts in Toronto. This is the resulting work from a consultation with several other Health Units attended, in response to a call for interest to provide feedback on the proposed framework, back in April 2025. To view the dashboard, click [here](#).

Public Health Matters: Une économie robuste qui bénéficie du soutien de communautés en santé

Une question de santé publique

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Une économie robuste qui bénéficie du soutien de communautés en santé

RÔLE DE LA SANTÉ PUBLIQUE LOCALE

La protection de la santé publique locale est essentielle au soutien de l'économie de l'Ontario. Une population en bonne santé est plus productive; les coûts des soins de santé s'en trouvent réduits et la prospérité à long terme favorisée. Grâce à des stratégies communautaires et à des partenariats solides, la santé publique locale favorise les résultats en matière de santé, améliore l'efficacité et renforce les économies locales partout en Ontario. L'impact positif de la santé publique locale en Ontario est illustré dans les exemples ci-dessous.

NOTRE DEMANDE:

Nous demandons aux décideurs provinciaux et municipaux de maintenir et de renflouer le financement du système de santé publique locale de l'Ontario pour que les communautés restent en santé, que les services restent stables et que l'économie demeure robuste.

PRÉVENTION DE MALADIES: IMMUNISATION

L'immunisation protège la santé des enfants et des parents qui travaillent, tout en diminuant les soins hospitaliers dispendieux.

- 25% d'hospitalisations en moins chez les enfants âgés de 0 à 4 ans au cours de la saison 2024-2025 du VRS après une vaccination des nourrissons élargie
- Plus de 186 000 doses du vaccin contre l'hépatite B et plus de 233 000 doses du vaccin contre le VPH administrés aux élèves en 2024
- La vaccination des enfants réduit les visites aux urgences, les séjours à l'hôpital et les coûts des soins de santé à long terme

PROTECTION DE LA POPULATION: PRÉVENTION DES ÉPIDÉMIES ET GESTION DES URGENCES

La santé publique détecte et maîtrise les épidémies rapidement, protégeant ainsi les lieux de travail, les établissements de soins et les services essentiels.

- Plus de 5 000 interventions pour combattre les épidémies respiratoires dans des lieux d'hébergement collectif (2024-2025)
- Plus de 1 800 suivis effectués par les bureaux de santé publique en réponse aux plaintes de prévention et contrôle des infections en 2024
- Soutien d'urgence pour les communautés des Premières Nations lors des inondations et des incendies de forêt en 2025

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PROTECTION DE LA POPULATION: INSPECTIONS

Les inspections de santé publique préviennent les maladies par l'application des normes de sécurité dans les milieux de tous genres.

- Plus de 42 000 inspections d'établissements alimentaires en 2024
- Plus de 6 800 inspections de piscines et spas en 2024
- Plus de 8 600 inspections d'établissements de services personnels en 2024

PROTECTION DE LA POPULATION: INVESTIGATIONS

Les enquêtes éliminent les dangers pour la santé avant qu'ils ne se propagent, protégeant les communautés et le système de santé.

- Plus de 14 000 enquêtes sur la salubrité des aliments en 2024
- Plus de 106 000 notifications de maladies gérées en 2024
- Plus de 28 000 enquêtes d'expositions à la rage en 2024

PROMOTION DE LA SANTÉ ET DU BIEN-ÊTRE: PRÉVENTION DES MALADIES CHRONIQUES

Les programmes de prévention de la santé publique réduisent les maladies chroniques et les coûts des soins de santé à long terme.

- Plus de 556 000 élèves dépistés pour leurs besoins dentaires en 2024
- Plus de 526 000 enfants et jeunes bénéficient du programme Beaux sourires Ontario depuis mars 2025
- Plus de 109 700 aînés inscrits au Programme ontarien de soins dentaires pour les aînés depuis mars 2025
- Plus de 99 450 dépistages postpartum via Bébés en santé, enfants en santé effectués d'avril 2024 à mars 2025



Être une voix unifiée et un conseiller de confiance en matière de santé



Faire progresser le travail de la santé publique locale grâce à des partenariats et des collaborations stratégiques



Soutenir la durabilité du système de santé publique locale de l'Ontario



Fournir les services des membres aux leaders de la santé publique locale

L'Association des agences locales de santé publique (alPHA)
Un leadership rassembleur des agences de santé publique locale

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alPHA is pleased to announce the French language version of the latest *Public Health Matters* infographic, *Une économie robuste qui bénéficie du soutien de communautés en santé*, is now available. This is the fifth in the series and focuses on the connection between healthy communities and a strong economy. The infographics are designed to help decision-makers understand the role, value, and impact of local public health in a clear and accessible way. These materials are intended to support conversations with municipal and provincial decision-makers and alPHA Members are encouraged to use these resources. To read the French language version [here](#) and the English language version [here](#).



Ontario Association of Public Health Nursing Leaders (OPHNL) update

The Ontario Association for Public Health Nursing Leaders (OPHNL) continues to advance the priorities of the 2024-2027 Ontario Association for Public Health Nursing Leaders Strategic Plan. On April 16, 2026, OPHNL hosted a spring workshop where Dr. Moore provided an update on the current landscape of public health. Guest speakers from Wellington Dufferin Guelph and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit discussed the evolving role of Artificial Intelligence within local public health agencies (see photo below). On May 11, 2026, OPHNL will host a virtual nursing week event for all nurses in public health. The first of its kind! Dr. Velji will provide an update on emerging nursing issues across the health system and Claire Betker from the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health will discuss the Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada and its application for nurses in Public Health.



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Health Promotion Ontario (HPO) update

HPO met in person in Toronto on April 28, 2026 to conduct strategic planning. At the meeting, we confirmed our goals to represent the voice of health promotion in Ontario, offer professional development and learning opportunities, and engage members.

We developed strategies and actions to be phased over the next few years, including a renewed focus on supporting students and new professionals.

This work sets a foundation to guide priorities, strengthen connections and improve communication across the province. A strategic plan infographic will be shared when it is complete.





Ontario Dietitians in Public Health

Diététistes en santé publique de l'Ontario

Ontario Dietitians in Public Health (ODPH) update

ODPH made a submission to the Ontario Budget Consultation 2026 calling for social assistance rates and nutritional allowances to better reflect actual costs of living, and for Ontario Works rates to be indexed to inflation. These recommendations align with ODPH's priority to reduce household food insecurity.

ODPH also contributed to the proposed amendments to Ontario Food Premises Regulation (O. Reg.493), emphasizing the importance of policy options that support Indigenous engagement and access to traditional foods while maintaining food safety standards. Traditional foods are essential to cultural identity, community connection, and intergenerational knowledge sharing.



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ODPH Submission to Ontario Budget Consultation 2026

Ontario Dietitians in Public Health (ODPH) appreciates the opportunity to offer input on Ontario's 2026 budget consultation. ODPH is the professional association of Registered Dietitians (RDs) working in Ontario's public health system. We are recognized leaders in public health nutrition representing local public health agencies across Ontario. One of ODPH's key priorities is working towards effective solutions to reduce household food insecurity (HFI).

HFI is the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints (Li et al., 2023). The experience of HFI can range from worrying about not having enough food (marginal HFI), to the inability to afford a balanced diet and/or missing meals (moderate HFI), to extreme cases of not eating for days (severe HFI). HFI is a critical indicator of a household's financial situation and a highly sensitive measure of material deprivation, making it an important measure for guiding policy decisions.

Among households reporting HFI, those reliant on social assistance experience the highest prevalence and severity of HFI. In 2023, 70% of households relying on Ontario Works (OW) or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) were food-insecure and 43% were severely so (PROOF, 2025a). Ontario's social assistance rates remain far below the poverty line – most recipients living in deep poverty earn less than 75% of the Market Basket Measure, Canada's Official Poverty Line (Laidley & Oliveira, 2025). Although Ontario does provide limited nutrition-related financial supports, such as the Pregnant and Breastfeeding Nutritional Allowance and the Special Diet Allowance, these allowances are far below what is needed to meet basic nutritional requirements. HFI is strongly linked to income. As income decreases, both the risk and severity of HFI increases, making income-based policy solutions critical.

The urgency is evident with severe HFI in Ontario rising markedly from 4.8% of households in 2022 to 7.9% in 2024 (Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, 2025). **HFI is a major financial liability for Ontario's healthcare system.** Adults living with HFI account for a disproportionate share of health care costs, including mental health-related emergency visits and hospitalizations, with the greatest costs associated with severe HFI (PROOF, ND). Without effective policy action, HFI will continue to escalate with worsening consequences to Ontario's economic progress and to the health and well-being of Ontarians.

ODPH recommends increasing social assistance rates and nutritional allowances to reflect actual costs of living and indexing Ontario Works rates to inflation.



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April 29th, 2026

Dear Rosemary,

We are writing on behalf of Ontario Dietitians in Public Health (ODPH) to thank you for the opportunity to contribute to proposed amendments to the Ontario Food Premises Regulation (O. Reg. 493) within the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. We applaud your commitment to exploring policy options to improve access to donated wild game meat in Ontario.

Following consultation with Indigenous Public Health colleagues and contributors as well as informed by a review of relevant literature and lived experiences, we have gained important perspective on the impacts of current policies and practices. We are not speaking on behalf of our partners; rather, we are learning from them and reflecting this understanding in our work and in the perspectives shared here.

ODPH is the professional association of Registered Dietitians working in Ontario's public health system, with strategic priorities that include advancing health equity and strengthening Indigenous engagement. It is from this standpoint that we offer this correspondence. We acknowledge the expertise of our Public Health Inspector colleagues and defer to them regarding food safety considerations related to this regulation. We remain committed to addressing systemic barriers that undermine health and to supporting equitable access and opportunities for all populations, while continuing to learn, reflect, and act in solidarity with Indigenous communities.

Background Information

ODPH supports several themes identified in earlier engagement activities related to this regulation, including:

- Traditional foods are vital to Indigenous community connection, cultural identity and continuity, and cross generational learning opportunities; however, current regulations unnecessarily restrict these longstanding practices in schools, daycares, emergency food programs, hospitals, and other community settings, underscoring the importance of reducing regulatory barriers.
- Work with Indigenous groups in a meaningful way to identify traditional animals that could be included in the current permitted list.

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ALPHA Correspondence

Through policy analysis, collaboration, and advocacy, ALPHA's Members and staff act to promote public health policies that form a strong foundation for the improvement of health promotion and protection, disease prevention, and surveillance services in all of Ontario's communities. A complete online library of submissions is available [here](#). These documents are publicly available and can be shared widely.

- [ALPHA Letter - Chief Public Health Officer - Apr. 1, 2026](#)
- [ALPHA Letter - CMOH Reappointment- Mar. 27, 2026](#)



Board of Health Shared Resources

A resource page is available on ALPHA's website for Board of Health members to facilitate the sharing of and access to information, orientation materials, best practices, case studies, by-laws, Resolutions, and other resources. In particular, ALPHA is seeking resources to share regarding the province's *Strengthening Public Health Initiative*, including but not limited to, voluntary mergers and the need for long-term funding for local public health. If you have a best practice, by-law or any other resource that you would like to make available via the newsletter and/or the website, please send a file or a link with a brief description to gordon@alphaweb.org and for posting in the appropriate library.

Resources available on the ALPHA website include:

- [Orientation Manual for Boards of Health \(Revised Jan. 2024\)](#)
- [Review of Board of Health Liability, 2018, \(PowerPoint presentation, Feb. 24, 2023\)](#)
- [Legal Matters: Updates for Boards of Health \(Video, June 8, 2021\)](#)
- [Obligations of a Board of Health under the Municipal Act, 2001 \(Revised 2021\)](#)
- [Governance Toolkit \(Revised 2022\)](#)
- [Risk Management for Health Units](#)
- [Healthy Rural Communities Toolkit](#)
- [The Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction](#)
- [The Ontario Public Health Standards](#)
- [Public Appointee Role and Governance Overview \(for Provincial Appointees to BOH\)](#)
- [Ontario Boards of Health by Region](#)
- [List of Units sorted by Municipality](#)
- [List of Municipalities sorted by Health Unit](#)
- [Map: Boards of Health Types NCCHP Report: Profile of Ontario's Public Health System \(2021\)](#)
- [The Municipal Role of Public Health \(2022 U of T Report\)](#)
- [Boards of Health and Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act](#)
- [Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada](#)
- [BOH Training Courses](#)





Hantavirus

PHO is supporting Ontario's response to the evolving situation involving hantavirus (Andes virus) by providing guidance for public health management, infection prevention and control (IPAC), and testing, as well as scientific and technical expertise.

New resources and updates are available:

- [Infection Prevention and Control Precautions for Hantavirus \(Andes Virus\)](#)

IPAC guidance for healthcare providers and public health units caring for patients with suspected or confirmed Andes virus infection.

A resource providing public health guidance on the identification, assessment and management of suspected, probable and confirmed Andes virus cases, as well as their contacts.

- [Hantaviruses – Serology and PCR](#)

Updated laboratory testing information to include specific details for Andes virus.

For more information, visit PHO's [Hantaviruses webpage](#).

Vector-Borne Diseases

Updated – Ontario Vector-Borne Disease Tool

PHO has updated the Vector-Borne Disease Tool for the 2026 season. This resource provides comprehensive surveillance data on vector-borne diseases (VBDs) in Ontario and allows users to explore trends in human cases for anaplasmosis, babesiosis, Lyme disease, Powassan virus infection, and West Nile virus illness, as well as surveillance data for mosquitoes and ticks, and blacklegged tick established risk areas. Updates to the tool include:

- New Ticks Tab

- o A new tab showing passive tick submissions from health care providers and the public, represented by Aggregate Dissemination Area census boundaries, using data from PHO's Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) and supplemented with [eTick](#) data.



- 2026 Blacklegged Tick Risk Area Map
 - o Reflecting newly identified or expanded tick risk areas based on 2025 data
- 2025 Season Updates
 - o Updated with new data released since the last surveillance season, including finalized 2025 human case and vector data
- New 2026 Data and In-Season Reporting
 - o New 2026 layers to support weekly updates as data become available during the upcoming season

Ontario Blacklegged Tick Established Risk Areas

In 2026, eight new risk areas were identified across five different public health units: Eastern Ontario Health Unit (2) and Renfrew County and District Health Unit (2), Hamilton Public Health (1), Lakelands Public Health (1), Middlesex-London Health Unit (1), and Southwestern Public Health (1).

Explore [the tool](#) to learn more about this season's updates.

Ticks of Ontario

Our new Synthesis brings together the current knowledge of the province's ticks and provides an account of each tick's population status, hosts and public veterinary health significance. The scientific literature on the ticks of Ontario, while relatively strong, is scattered and not available as a single resource. The purpose of this [document](#) is to bring together the literature and surveillance information on the ticks of Ontario.

Refreshed Interactive Data Tools

[Infectious Disease Trends in Ontario Interactive Tool](#)



Recently Published Resources

[Infection Prevention and Control Checklist for Animal Presence in Health Care Settings](#)

[Children and Youth Concussion Incidence in Ontario](#)

[Ontario Respiratory Virus Tool](#)

[SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Surveillance in Ontario](#)

[Nipah Virus Infection](#)

[Mumps in Ontario](#)

[Varicella in Ontario](#)

[Measles in Ontario](#)

Upcoming Events

May 28: [TOPHC 2026 Regional Convention](#)

June 2: [PHO & FFIGS Presents: A Tough Nut to Crack: Challenges in Outbreak Investigation of Low-Moisture Food](#)

June 3: [PHO Rounds: Linking Public Health Funding to Population Health and Health Equity during a Pandemic: Evidence on COVID-19 outcomes and vaccination from the OPHID study](#)

June 10: [PHO Webinar: Gambling, Gaming, and Youth Mental Health](#)

Recent Presentations

• [Assessing Quality Improvement Maturity Across PHUs](#)

• [Guiding Families Through Early Allergen Introduction](#)

• [PHO Rounds: Model of Care to Address the Impact of HIV on African, Caribbean & Black \(ACB\) Communities](#)



Public Health Ontario (PHO) is hosting this year's TOPHC 2026 Regional Workshops, taking place on May 28, 2026, at Fanshawe College in London, Ontario. These workshops bring together public health professionals from across Ontario to support learning, collaboration, and knowledge sharing on priority public health topics. alPHA is pleased to be a promotional sponsor for this event.

Workshop 3 - From Intention to Co-creation: Centering Black and Indigenous Communities in Public Health Practice. Discover how to move decolonial theory into meaningful action. This engaging workshop invites public health professionals to explore practical, community centered ways to embed decolonial approaches within their organizations. The workshop places a particular emphasis on engaging Black and Indigenous communities and centering public health practices that address anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism. Through co-creation, critical reflexivity, and hands on learning, participants will deepen their understanding of decolonial practice while building practical strategies that can be applied in their work. Join us to reflect, reimagine, and reshape public health practice in partnership with the communities we serve.



Upcoming DLSPH Events and Webinars

2026 SORA-TABA Annual Workshop (May 22)

Supporting Newcomers Through Pharmacy: Improving Health System Navigation and Safe, Sustainable Medication Use (May 27)

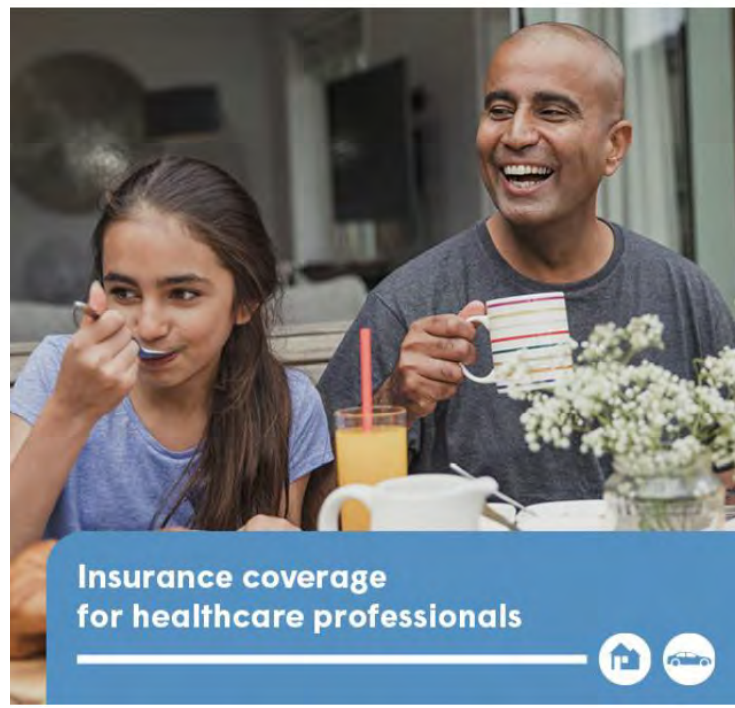
Bioethics and the Rules-Based International Order: A Conversation on the Future of Bioethics in a Time of Rupture (Jun. 1)






Ontario Public Health Directory - May update

The Ontario Public Health Directory has been updated and is available on the alpha website. Please ensure you have the latest version, which has been dated as of **May 13, 2026**. To view the file, log into the alpha website.

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