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REPORT TITLE: **PEEL PUBLIC HEALTH - HEALTH STATUS DATA WEBSITE LAUNCH**FROM: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services
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To provide information, and a brief demonstration, about the Peel Public Health's Health Status Data website.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Health data is a form of evidence that can be used to make evidence-informed decisions when planning, implementing, delivering and evaluating public health and other programs.
- Peel Public Health launched the Public Health – Health Status Data website to Regional staff in February 2012. The site will be available to external users on October 11, 2012.
- The site contains a variety of health status information that meets the releasability requirements of the data providers, thus ensuring confidentiality.
- All data presented within the website were identified by Peel Public Health as required data to support public health programs and will be updated on a regular basis.
- By focusing on health status data, the site complements the Peel Data Centre website.

DISCUSSION**1. Background**

Health data is a form of evidence that can be used to make evidence-informed decisions when planning, implementing, delivering and evaluating public health and other programs. In February 2012, Peel Public Health launched the Health Status Data website to Regional staff. The site will be available to external users on October 11, 2012.

Health data are routinely analyzed and provided to staff for program planning as a requirement of the part of Ontario Public Health Standards and all data presented within the website were identified by Peel Public Health as required data to support public health programs and will be updated on a regular basis. This new site provides staff with improved access to data. All data presented on the site meets the releasability requirements of the data providers, thus ensuring confidentiality.

The site contains health status data within the following topic areas:

- Maternal and child health (e.g., birth rate, prenatal health)

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- General health status (e.g., self-rated health)
- Environment and health (e.g., food safety, air quality)
- Health behaviours (e.g., tobacco use, alcohol use, nutrition, physical activity)
- Health-care use (e.g., access to a medical doctor, hospitalization, emergency room visits)
- Mortality (e.g., leading causes of mortality, life expectancy)
- Injuries (e.g., leading causes of injury such as accidental falls, accidental poisoning)
- Reportable diseases (e.g., vaccine preventable disease, enteric disease)
- Socio-demographics

With a focus on health status data, the site complements the Peel Data Centre website.

Peel Public Health will provide a brief demonstration to highlight the data and features of the site. The site can be accessed through the following link:

<http://www.peelregion.ca/health/statusdata/index.asp>

CONCLUSION

Health data is an important form of evidence. The Peel Public Health – Health Status Data website will provide staff with improved access to health data to help them make informed decisions when planning, implementing, delivering and evaluating public health and other programs.



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