

ROLE OF PEEL PUBLIC HEALTH

BACKGROUND

[Ontario Public Health Standards](#) (2008) for Infection Prevention and Control indicate the following:

- Collaboration with community partners to improve public knowledge of infectious diseases of public health importance and IPAC practices
- Participation of committees, advisory boards and networks that address IPAC practices in, but not limited to, hospitals and LTCHs
- Management of outbreaks to minimize public health risk
- Surveillance of infectious diseases of public health importance

The mandate of Peel Public Health Infection Prevention and Control Program is capacity building and knowledge transfer through IPAC education and consultation for stakeholders who work and live in the Region of Peel. This includes: individuals, long term care, community agencies, acute care and emergency services

This procedure is delivered in accordance with the following legislation:

- [Health Protection and Promotion Act \(HPPA\), R.S.O. 1990, chapter H.7,](#) sections 13 and 22
- Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care(MOHLTC) [Public Health Standards and Protocols](#), 2008

This includes:

- Representation on infection control committees
- Ongoing consultation about surveillance programs
- Consultation on the development and revision of infection control policies
- Collaboration in the development of an outbreak contingency plan
- Informing the home about the required reporting of designated communicable diseases and outbreaks of disease to the Medical Officer of Health
- Ensuring compliance with Ontario Food Premises Regulations
- Annual promotion of influenza vaccination to staff and residents
- Promotion of pneumococcal vaccine for residents
- Ensuring the provision of annual in-service education to staff

Peel Public Health will work with the Infection Control Practitioner in the LTCH to investigate and follow up cases of reportable diseases that occur in the home. Peel Public Health must be notified of all reportable diseases promptly. This can be done by calling Peel Public Health at 905-791-7800 during regular business hours. Outbreaks and diseases that are designated as requiring immediate reporting should be reported to Peel Public Health at the above number during business hours or by calling 905-799-7700 after hours and on weekends.