

STATE OF THE REGION'S HEALTH 2007 *Focus on HIV/AIDS*

Introduction

The State of the Region's Health Report is published annually as a summary of the health status of residents of Peel Region. It is intended to highlight key health issues and trends for the population of Peel.

The *State of the Region's Health 2007 Report* focuses on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). This report will discuss the trends in HIV and AIDS in Peel Region, along with the risk factors associated with HIV infection. This report also contains recommendations to assist Peel Public Health staff in raising community awareness of HIV and AIDS, in their efforts to reduce the transmission of HIV, and in providing programs and services aimed at enhancing the quality of life of Peel residents who are living with HIV/AIDS.

At the end of this report, a section titled Peel Health Facts highlights the most recent health indicator data, including population projections, leading causes of mortality and premature death, leading causes of emergency department visits and hospitalization and selected reproductive health statistics for Peel Region.

