

# Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion

## Roles and Responsibilities

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## Outline

- OAHPP Mandate
- OAHPP Legislation
- Involvement with outbreak management
- Internal Communication
- External Communication

## OAHPP Mandate

- *Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Act, 2007*
  1. The purpose of this Act is to enhance the protection and promotion of the health of Ontarians ...
  6. The objects of the Corporation are,
    - (a) to provide scientific and technical advice and support to the health care system ...
    - (b) to develop, disseminate and advance public health knowledge, ...
    - (d) to develop, collect, use, analyse and disclose data, ...

## OAHPP Legislation

- *Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Act, 2007*

6. The objects of the Corporation are,

(g) to establish, operate and maintain laboratory centres and to provide laboratory services;

(j) as directed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, to provide scientific and technical advice and operational support in an outbreak situation ...

## Involvement with Outbreak Management

- Public Health Laboratory system in Ontario
  - Human specimens
  - Food samples
- Lab Data Surveillance
- OAHPP Field Support
- Federal Field Epidemiologists

## Internal Communication

- Advice to the Ontario Outbreak Investigation Coordinating Committee on;
  - specimen and sample collection
  - ongoing lab surveillance
  - interpretation of lab test findings (e.g., phage type or PFGE results)
  - outbreak management

## External Communication

- Primarily through the Ontario Outbreak Investigation Coordinating Committee
- In regard to laboratory issues

**Questions?**