

Chronic Disease Prevention

13. The board of health shall implement and enforce the Smoke-Free Ontario Act in accordance with provincial protocols, including but not limited to the Tobacco Compliance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).

Prevention of Injury and Substance Misuse

5. The board of health shall use a comprehensive health promotion approach in collaboration with community partners, including enforcement agencies, to increase public awareness of and adoption of behaviours that are in accordance with current legislation related to the prevention of injury and substance misuse in the following areas:
 - Alcohol and other substances;
 - Falls across the lifespan;
 - Road and off-road safety; and may include
 - Other areas of public health importance for the prevention of injuries as identified by local surveillance in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).

Child Health

14. The board of health shall review drinking water quality reports for its municipal drinking water supply(ies) where fluoride is added. These reports shall be reviewed at least monthly and, where necessary, action shall be taken in accordance with the Protocol for the Monitoring of Community Water Fluoride Levels, 2008 (or as current).

Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control

14. The board of health shall inspect settings associated with risk of infectious diseases of public health importance in accordance with the Infection Prevention and Control in Licensed Day Nurseries Protocol, 2008 (or as current); the Infection Prevention and Control in Personal Services Settings Protocol, 2008 (or as current); and the Risk Assessment and Inspection of Facilities Protocol, 2008 (or as current).

Rabies Prevention and Control

6. The board of health shall annually remind those individuals specified in the Health Protection and Promotion Act of their duty to report suspected rabies exposure.
7. The board of health shall ensure that the medical officer of health or designate is available on a 24/7 basis to receive reports of and respond to suspected rabies exposures in accordance with the Health Protection and Promotion Act; the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol, 2008 (or as current); and the Rabies Prevention and Control Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
8. The board of health shall address the prevention and control of rabies threats as per a local Rabies Contingency Plan, as outlined in the Rabies Prevention and Control Protocol, 2008 (or as current).

Tuberculosis Prevention and Control

5. The board of health shall facilitate timely identification of active cases of TB and referrals of persons with inactive TB through immigration medical surveillance in accordance with the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
6. The board of health shall provide management of cases to minimize the public health risk in accordance with the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
7. The board of health shall provide or ensure access to TB medication at no cost to clients or providers.
8. The board of health shall provide or ensure the provision of the identification, assessment, and public health management of contacts of active cases in accordance with the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
9. The board of health shall provide or ensure the provision of the identification and effective public health management of individuals with LTBI in accordance with the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Protocol, 2008 (or as current), with a particular focus on people at highest risk of progression to active TB.

10. The board of health shall respond to local, provincial/territorial, federal, and international changes in disease epidemiology by adapting programs and services.

Sexual Health, Sexually Transmitted Infections, and Blood-borne Infections (including HIV)

7. The board of health shall provide clinical services for priority populations to address contraception, comprehensive pregnancy counselling, sexually transmitted infections, and blood-borne infections. For further information, refer to the Sexual Health Clinic Services Manual, 2002 (or as current).
8. The board of health shall ensure that the medical officer of health or designate receives reports of sexually transmitted infections and blood-borne infections and responds in accordance with the Health Protection and Promotion Act and the Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted Infections Prevention and Control Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
9. The board of health shall provide or ensure access to provincially funded drugs for the treatment of sexually transmitted infections, at no cost to clients, in accordance with the Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted Infections Prevention and Control Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
10. The board of health shall communicate and coordinate care with health care providers to achieve a comprehensive and consistent approach to the management of sexually transmitted infections and blood-borne infections.
11. The board of health shall engage community partners and priority populations in the planning, development, and implementation of harm reduction programming.
12. The board of health shall ensure access to a variety of harm reduction program delivery models which shall include the provision of sterile needles and syringes and may include other evidence-informed harm reduction strategies in response to local surveillance.

Vaccine Preventable Diseases

10. The board of health shall ensure the storage and distribution of provincially funded vaccines including to health care providers practicing within the health unit in accordance with the Vaccine Storage and Handling Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
11. The board of health shall promote vaccine inventory management in all premises where provincially funded vaccines are stored in accordance with the Vaccine Storage and Handling Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
12. The board of health shall monitor, investigate, and document all suspected cases of adverse events following immunization that meet the provincial reporting criteria and promptly report all cases.
13. The board of health shall comply with the Immunization Management Protocol, 2008 (or as current), that specifies the process for the assessment of the immunization status of children in licensed day nurseries as defined in the Day Nurseries Act and the enforcement of the Immunization of School Pupils Act.

Food Safety

6. The board of health shall ensure that the medical officer of health or designate is available on a 24/7 basis to receive reports of and respond to:
 - Suspected and confirmed food-borne illnesses or outbreaks;
 - Unsafe food handling practices, food recalls, adulteration, and consumer complaints; and
 - Food-related issues arising from floods, fires, power outages, or other situations that may affect food safety in accordance with the Health Protection and Promotion Act; the Food Safety Protocol, 2008 (or as current); the Infectious Diseases Protocol, 2008 (or as current); and the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
7. The board of health shall inspect food premises and provide all the components of the Food Safety Program within food premises as defined by the Health Protection and Promotion Act and in accordance with the Food Premises Regulation (O. Reg. 562); the Food Safety Protocol, 2008 (or as current); and all other applicable Acts.

Safe Water

10. The board of health shall ensure that the medical officer of health or designate is available on a 24/7 basis to receive reports of and respond to:
 - Adverse events related to safe water, such as reports of adverse drinking water on drinking-water systems governed under the Health Protection and Promotion Act or the Safe Drinking Water Act;
 - Reports of water-borne illnesses or outbreaks;
 - Safe water issues arising from floods, fires, power outages, or other situations that may affect water safety; and
 - Safe water issues relating to recreational water use including public beaches in accordance with the Health Protection and Promotion Act; the Beach Management Protocol, 2008 (or as current); the Drinking Water Protocol, 2008 (or as current); the Infectious Diseases Protocol, 2008 (or as current); the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol, 2008 (or as current); and the Recreational Water Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
11. The board of health shall provide all the components of the Safe Water Program in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations, and the Drinking Water Protocol, 2008 (or as current) to protect the public from exposure to unsafe drinking water.
12. The board of health shall inform the public about unsafe drinking water conditions and provide the necessary information to respond appropriately in accordance with the Drinking Water Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
13. The board of health shall reduce risks of public beach use by implementing a beach management program in accordance with the Beach Management Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
14. The board of health shall reduce the risks of recreational water facility use by implementing a management program in accordance with the Recreational Water Protocol, 2008 (or as current).

Health Hazard Prevention and Management

5. The board of health shall ensure that the medical officer of health or designate is available on a 24/7 basis to respond to and manage health hazards in accordance with the Health Protection and Promotion Act; the Identification, Investigation and Management of Health Hazards Protocol, 2008 (or as current); the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol, 2008 (or as current); and the Risk Assessment and Inspection of Facilities Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
6. The board of health shall inspect and assess facilities where there is an elevated risk of illness associated with exposures that are known or suspected to be associated with health hazards in accordance with the Risk Assessment and Inspection of Facilities Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
7. The board of health shall implement control measures to prevent or reduce exposure to health hazards in accordance with the Identification, Investigation and Management of Health Hazards Protocol, 2008 (or as current) and the Risk Assessment and Inspection of Facilities Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
8. The board of health shall develop a local vector-borne management strategy based on surveillance data and emerging trends in accordance with the Infectious Diseases Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
9. The board of health shall maintain systems to support timely and comprehensive communication with all relevant health care and other community partners about identified health hazard risks.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

2. The board of health shall develop a continuity of operations plan to sustain the ongoing functioning of time-critical board of health services during business disruptions in accordance with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
3. The board of health shall develop its emergency response plan, in consultation with community partners and governmental bodies, to address the identified hazards for which the board of health and medical officer of health will have a lead role in responding to, consistent with an Incident Management System and in accordance with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol, 2008 (or as current).

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4. The board of health shall develop, implement, and document 24/7 notification protocols for communications with board of health staff, community partners, and governmental bodies to facilitate the sharing of information in accordance with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
5. The board of health shall, in collaboration with community partners, increase public awareness regarding emergency preparedness activities.
6. The board of health shall ensure the provision of emergency preparedness and response education and training for board of health staff in accordance with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
7. The board of health shall ensure that its officials are oriented on the board of health's emergency response plan in accordance with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
8. The board of health shall exercise, in whole or in part, the continuity of operations plan, emergency response plan, and 24/7 notification procedures in accordance with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol, 2008 (or as current).