

Foundational Standard

1. The board of health shall assess current health status, health behaviours, preventive health practices, health care utilization relevant to public health, and demographic indicators in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
3. The board of health shall use population health, determinants of health and health inequities information to assess the needs of the local population, including the identification of populations at risk, to determine those groups that would benefit most from public health programs and services (i.e., priority populations).
4. The board of health shall tailor public health programs and services to meet local population health needs, including those of priority populations to the extent possible based on available resources.
5. The board of health shall provide population health information including determinants of health and health inequities to the public, community partners, and health care providers, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
7. The board of health shall interpret and use surveillance data to communicate information on risks to relevant audiences in accordance with the Identification, Investigation and Management of Health Hazards Protocol, 2008 (or as current); the Infectious Diseases Protocol, 2008 (or as current); the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance 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).
8. The board of health shall engage in knowledge exchange activities with public health practitioners, policy-makers, community partners, health care providers, and the public regarding factors that determine the health of the population and support effective public health practice gained through population health assessment, surveillance, research, and program evaluation.

Chronic Disease Prevention

1. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current), in the areas of:
 - Healthy eating;
 - Healthy weights;
 - Comprehensive tobacco control;
 - Physical activity;
 - Alcohol use; and
 - Exposure to ultraviolet radiation.
4. The board of health shall use a comprehensive health promotion approach to increase the capacity of workplaces to develop and implement healthy policies and programs, and to create or enhance supportive environments to address the following topics:
 - Healthy eating;
 - Healthy weights;
 - Comprehensive tobacco control;
 - Physical activity;
 - Alcohol use;
 - Work stress; and
 - Exposure to ultraviolet radiation.These efforts shall include:
 - a. Conducting a situational assessment in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current); and
 - b. Reviewing, adapting, and/or providing behaviour change support resources and programs

7. The board of health shall increase the capacity of community partners to coordinate and develop regional/local programs and services related to:
 - Healthy eating, including community-based food activities;
 - Healthy weights;
 - Comprehensive tobacco control;
 - Physical activity;
 - Alcohol use; and
 - Exposure to ultraviolet radiation.These efforts shall include:
 - a. Mobilizing and promoting access to community resources;
 - b. Providing skill-building opportunities; and
 - c. Sharing best practices and evidence for the prevention of chronic diseases

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

1. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current), in the areas of:
 - Alcohol and other substances;
 - Falls across the lifespan;
 - Road and off-road safety; and
 - Other areas of public health importance for the prevention of injuries.

2. The board of health shall work with community partners, using a comprehensive health promotion approach, to influence the development and implementation of healthy policies and programs, and the creation or enhancement of safe and supportive environments that address the following:
 - 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).

3. The board of health shall use a comprehensive health promotion approach to increase the capacity of priority populations to prevent injury and substance misuse by:
 - a. Collaborating with and engaging community partners;
 - b. Mobilizing and promoting access to community resources;
 - c. Providing skill-building opportunities; and
 - d. Sharing best practices and evidence for the 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).

Reproductive Health

1. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current) in the areas of:
 - Preconception health;
 - Healthy pregnancies;
 - Reproductive health outcomes; and
 - Preparation for parenting.
2. The board of health shall work with community partners, using a comprehensive health promotion approach, to influence the development and implementation of healthy policies and the creation or enhancement of supportive environments to address:
 - Preconception health;
 - Healthy pregnancies; and
 - Preparation for parenting.These efforts shall include:
 - a. Conducting a situational assessment in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current); and
 - b. Reviewing, adapting, and/or providing behaviour change support resources and programs.
3. The board of health shall increase public awareness of preconception health, healthy pregnancies, and preparation for parenting by:
 - a. Adapting and/or supplementing national and provincial health communications strategies; and/or
 - b. Developing and implementing regional/local communications strategies.
4. The board of health shall provide, in collaboration with community partners, prenatal programs, services, and supports, which include:
 - a. Consultation, assessment, and referral; and
 - b. Group sessions.
6. The board of health shall provide, in collaboration with community partners, outreach to priority populations to link them to information, programs, and services.

Child Health

1. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current), in the areas of:
 - Positive parenting;
 - Breastfeeding;
 - Healthy family dynamics;
 - Healthy eating, healthy weights, and physical activity;
 - Growth and development; and
 - Oral health.
4. The board of health shall work with community partners, using a comprehensive health promotion approach, to influence the development and implementation of healthy policies and the creation or enhancement of supportive environments to address:
 - Positive parenting;
 - Breastfeeding;
 - Healthy family dynamics;
 - Healthy eating, healthy weights, and physical activity;
 - Growth and development; and
 - Oral health.These efforts shall include:
 - a. Conducting a situational assessment in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current); and
 - b. Reviewing, adapting, and/or providing behaviour change support resources and programs.

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6. The board of health shall provide, in collaboration with community partners, parenting programs, services, and supports, which include:
 - a. Consultation, assessment, and referral; and
 - b. Group sessions.
8. The board of health shall provide, in collaboration with community partners, outreach to priority populations to link them to information, programs, and services.

Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control

2. The board of health shall conduct surveillance of:
 - Infectious diseases of public health importance, their associated risk factors, and emerging trends; and
 - Infection prevention and control practices of inspected premises associated with risk of infectious diseases of public health importancein accordance with the Infectious Diseases Protocol, 2008 (or as current) and the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
3. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
4. The board of health shall work with community partners to improve public knowledge of infectious diseases of public health importance and infection prevention and control practices in the following areas:
 - Epidemiology of infectious diseases of public health importance that are locally relevant;
 - Respiratory etiquette;
 - Hand hygiene;
 - Vaccinations and medications to prevent or treat infectious diseases of public health importance;
 - Infection prevention and control core competencies, incorporating both Routine Practices (including personal protective equipment) and Additional Precautions (transmission-based precautions); and
 - Other measures, as new interventions and/or diseases arise.These efforts shall include:
 - a. Adapting and/or supplementing national and provincial health communications strategies; and/or
 - b. Developing and implementing regional/local communications strategies.
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

4. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
5. The board of health shall work with community partners to improve public knowledge of rabies and its prevention in the community by supplementing national/provincial education/communications strategies and/or developing and implementing regional/local communications strategies based on local epidemiology.
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.

Tuberculosis Prevention and Control

3. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).

4. The board of health shall engage in health promotion and policy development activities with community partners, policy-makers, and health care providers that have clients/contacts from priority populations based on local epidemiology.

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

3. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
4. The board of health shall increase public awareness of the epidemiology, associated risk behaviours, risk factors, and risk reduction strategies related to healthy sexuality, sexually transmitted infections, and blood-borne infections by:
 - a. Adapting and/or supplementing national and provincial health communications strategies; and/or
 - b. Developing and implementing regional/local communications strategies.
5. The board of health shall use a comprehensive health promotion approach to increase the community capacity regarding the promotion of healthy sexuality, including the prevention of adolescent pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections, and blood-borne infections, by:
 - a. Collaborating with and engaging community partners and priority populations;
 - b. Mobilizing and promoting access to community resources;
 - c. Providing skill-building opportunities; and
 - d. Sharing best practices and evidence.
6. The board of health shall collaborate with community partners, including school boards, to create supportive environments to promote healthy sexuality and access to sexual health services.
11. The board of health shall engage community partners and priority populations in the planning, development, and implementation of harm reduction programming.

Vaccine Preventable Diseases

2. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Infectious Diseases Protocol, 2008 (or as current) and the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
3. The board of health shall work with community partners to improve public knowledge and confidence in immunization programs by:
 - a. Supplementing national and provincial health communications strategies; and/or
 - b. Developing and implementing regional/local communications strategies.Topics to be addressed shall include:
 - The importance of immunization;
 - Diseases that vaccines prevent;
 - Recommended immunization schedules for children and adults and the importance of adhering to the schedules;
 - Introduction of new provincially funded vaccines;
 - Promotion of childhood and adult immunization, including high-risk programs;
 - The importance of maintaining a personal immunization record for all family members;
 - The importance of reporting adverse events following immunization;
 - Reporting immunization information to the board of health as required;
 - Vaccine safety; and
 - Legislation related to immunizations.
5. The board of health shall provide a comprehensive information and education strategy to promote optimal vaccine management, including storage and handling practices, among health care providers in accordance with the Vaccine Storage and Handling Protocol, 2008 (or as current). This shall include:
 - One-on-one training at the time of cold chain inspection;
 - Distributing information to new health care providers who handle vaccines; and
 - Providing ongoing support to existing health care providers who handle vaccines.

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6. The board of health shall provide consultation to community partners to develop immunization policies (e.g., workplace policies) based on local need and as requested.
7. The board of health shall promote and provide provincially funded immunization programs to any eligible person in the health unit, including:
 - Board of health-based clinics;
 - School-based clinics (including but not limited to hepatitis B and meningococcal immunization);
 - Community-based clinics; and
 - Outreach clinics to priority populations.

Food Safety

2. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
4. The board of health shall ensure food handlers in food premises have access to training in safe food-handling practices and principles in accordance with the Food Safety Protocol, 2008 (or as current).

Safe Water

4. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
9. The board of health shall provide education and training for owner/operators of recreational water facilities in accordance with 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.
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

2. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations, in accordance with the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2008 (or as current).
4. The board of health shall assist community partners to develop healthy policies related to reducing exposure to health hazards. Topics may include but are not limited to:
 - Indoor air quality;
 - Outdoor air quality;
 - Extreme weather; and
 - Built environments.
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).