

Your Quarterly Update

You may have noticed a change — we are excited to share that we are now the **Lakelands Public Health IPAC Hub!**

The HKPR and PPH Health Units have merged and are officially rebranded as Lakelands Public Health. We are proud to continue serving the communities of Peterborough, Northumberland, Haliburton, and Kawartha Lakes as a unified team.

Changes to departmental contact information will be shared as they become available. In the meantime, please continue to use your current processes. Thank you for your ongoing collaboration and support as we begin this new chapter under our new name!



Fall Preparedness for Respiratory Season

If you were unable to attend our Fall Preparedness Community of Practice session, the recording is now available on our website.

Updated resources are now available on our [External SharePoint](#)

- Outbreak Preparedness Checklist
- Outbreak Debrief Tool
- Repatriation Tool
- Retirement Home Resident Letter
- Laboratory Requisition



While we have merged, the transition is ongoing and will take time to complete. Until further notice, please continue using your legacy health unit (HKPR or PPH) processes for outbreak reporting, vaccine ordering, and lab requisitions.

IPAC WhatsApp Networking Group

We are excited to announce the **WhatsApp Networking Group!**

This group is designed to give facility staff an opportunity to connect with peers from other facilities, share ideas, ask questions, and learn from one another.

Please review the [Terms of Reference](#) and reach out to us at ipachub@lakelandsph.ca to join.



Immunization Update

Staff vaccination can be a challenge, and we're here to support you. If you missed our recent information session on vaccine fatigue, check out our website for a recording.

There are some practical strategies to encourage uptake this fall, and a local home shared their success and lessons learned.

RSV

RSV immunization is now available through Ontario's publicly funded RSV immunization programs to all individuals aged 75 and older.

Eligibility continues to include individuals 60 to 74 years of age who are at high risk. See [Older Adult High-Risk Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) Vaccine Program Fact Sheet](#) for more details.

Available to order now:
[Seasonal Vaccine Order Form](#)

COVID-19

High-risk individuals should receive COVID-19 vaccine dose as soon as it becomes available in the fall AND should receive an additional dose in the spring.

Minimum 3-month interval from a previous dose and/or test-confirmed COVID-19 infection.

Available to order the week of September 29.

Influenza

The first flu vaccine order will be an auto-shipment: an order is NOT required. You will still need to submit vaccine temperatures for us to fill the auto-shipment.

After initial auto-shipment, use the Seasonal Vaccine Order form and continue to send temperature logs.

Available for pick up the week of October 6.

Specific questions relating to the ordering and administration of vaccine can be directed to: immunization@hkpr.on.ca or immunizationrecords@lakelandsph.ca

National Infection Control Week

October 20 to 25, 2025

In recognition of Infection Control Week, our IPAC Hub has created some fun and educational activities you can use with your staff and residents to help promote safe practices.

You can find all the activities and resources on our website, under the resources tab: [Lakelands IPAC Hub](#)



IPAC Hub Education

The Lakelands IPAC Hub offers education training sessions for your home and/or staff on a variety of topics. To request a session, complete the [IPAC Education Request Form](#). For general inquiries, contact your regional IPAC Hub Lead at ipachub@lakelandsph.ca.

Participate in Research: Vaccination Strategies in Long-Term Care

The Bruyère Research Institute in Ottawa is conducting a study to explore strategies used in long-term care homes to support vaccination. Involvement includes engagement in a zoom meeting and participants will receive a \$25 e-gift card in appreciation of their time. Your insights will directly inform research in Ontario’s long-term care homes. To participate, contact Adhiba Nilormi, Research Coordinator at ANilormi@bruyere.org or call/text 647-655-2784.

Webinars and Helpful Resources

- Visit IPAC Canada to see upcoming webinars and learning opportunities: [IPAC Canada Webinars](#)
- [Seasonal Respiratory Pathogen Guide](#)
 - [Recommendations for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Institutions and Congregate Living Settings](#)
 - [Best Practices for the Prevention of Acute Respiratory Infection Transmission in All Health Care Settings](#)
 - [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: 2025/26 COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#)
 - [2025-26 UIIP 65+ Fact Sheet](#)
 - [Summary of NACI statement April 30, 2025: Seasonal influenza vaccines for 2025–2026](#)
 - [Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\) vaccines: Canadian Immunization Guide](#)

	Legacy HKPR	Legacy PPH
Outbreak Reporting	During business hours: outbreaks@hkpr.on.ca Outside of business hours: 1-888-255-7839	During business hours: Outbreak Form Outside of business hours: 705-760-8127
Vaccine Information	immunization@hkpr.on.ca	immunizationrecords@lakelandsph.ca
Outbreak Alerts	Click here to subscribe	Click here to view updates