



South East IPAC Hub Update

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The Ministry of Health has confirmed funding for the SE IPAC Hub through the 2023/24 fiscal year. We are pleased to be able to continue working with key partners in Congregate Living Settings to support strengthening IPAC programs.

Our hub team is transforming, and we are excited to share our team is successfully rebuilding capacity. By September, there will be a total of 7 Clinical Coordinators supporting the hub in various roles across HPE, KFL&A and LGL. Please welcome our newest members!

Emily Moslinger holds a Master of Science degree from Queen's University, and is currently completing her Master of Public Health with an IPAC Specialization from Queen's University. Emily has also worked at Kingston Health Sciences Centre in various health care roles.

Nicole Winters holds a Master of Public Health and has completed an IPAC Certificate through Queen's University. She has previous experience working for the federal government and in local public health. Most recently, she supported the Public Health Agency of Canada's COVID-19 and mpox responses where she developed public health measures technical guidance.

Additionally, KHSC IPAC team is welcoming **Saul Akandwanaho**, as our IPAC Epidemiologist. His previous experience in the hub, other healthcare sectors and his Master of Epidemiology will be leveraged to support homes and data analysis. While a few other contracts are still in progress, we are optimistic they will enhance our collective experience as a hub to support CLS's.

Lastly, our hub is working closely with our public health units and government partners to optimize program delivery. More to come on this in our next newsletter!

Epidemiology Update

COVID-19 activity is still present in all regions, please check on these updates on **local** epidemiology. [HPE region.](#) [KFL&A Region.](#) [LGL Region.](#)

COVID-19 Epi Update: For a broader COVID-19 update please see the following link: [COVID-19 epidemiology update: Key updates - Canada.ca](#)



Point of Care Risk Assessment

Recently updated guidelines from the Ministry of Health discuss Point of Care Risk Assessments. To bring this practice into focus, resources are linked below which discuss the routine practice of an individual assessment that establishes the risk of transmission, with further consideration given to the personal protective equipment (PPE) to use. This PPE identified by the assessment provides additional protection in reducing personal risk from an interaction with a client/patient/resident.

➔ [_rpap-risk-assessment_\(1\).pdf](#)

➔ [COVID-19 Guidance Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\).\(gov.on.ca\)](#)

Reminder! Review inventory for expired PPE and products from previous large orders for supplies.

Ottawa CIC Study Group

IPAC Ottawa Region is pleased to announce they will be hosting a 2023 Fall CIC® Study Group!

Sessions will cover 9 topic areas including: Occupational Health & Safety, Microbiology, Dialysis Surveillance, Surgical Site Infections, Ventilator Associated Pneumonia, Reprocessing, Epidemiology, CRMD and Outbreak Management.

When? Wednesday evenings 18:30-20:30 September 13 - November 1st.



If you are interested in attending these study groups email sandra.petersen@ottawa.ca.

In your email please include: Your name, sector you work in (LTC, hospital, public health), and your contact information.

In Case You Missed It!

- 1. New as an IPAC lead? Review this link from Public Health Ontario:**
→ [Orientation for Infection Prevention and Control Leads in Long-Term Care | Public Health Ontario](#)
- 2. Public Health Ontario offered an orientation series for Long-Term Care Homes (LTCH) IPAC Leads related to Construction, Renovation, Maintenance and Design (CRMD). If you were unable to register there is a previously recorded webinar that has been made available for viewing.**
→ [webinar-orientation-ipac-leads-long-term-care-crmd](#)
- 3. Ministry of Health – COVID-19 Response Measures Updated Guidance (June 26, 2023)**
→ [COVID-19 Guidance: Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, and Other Congregate Living Settings for Public Health Units](#)



Contact Information



Intake Request

To submit an intake request or urgent request for service [click here](#).

Email us with any questions at SEHubIntake@KingstonHSC.ca

Feedback

We value our partner suggestions and feedback. If the SE IPAC Hub has provided your organization with services please take a minute to complete our feedback survey to help us improve our program further!

To provide feedback, [click here](#).