

# **Opioid Poisoning Crisis Update**

## **Board of Health**

April 8, 2019

# Provincial announcement

- March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Province announced approval of 15 Consumption & Treatment Services across Ontario, six in Toronto.
- Two services in Toronto were not approved – Street Health and St. Stephens.
- Funding cancelled immediately with no transition plans. They continue to operate in short-term.
- TPH's application is still under consideration, and continues to receive funding.

# Recent surge in overdoses

## March 2019

- 474 calls to Toronto Paramedic Services, 100 calls more per month since Sept. 2017
- 452 non-fatal calls and 22 fatal calls
- 125 calls in the last week of March alone - most for one week in 2019
- Most calls in the downtown core.
- TPH supervised injection service: 3,745 visits and 66 overdoses treated
- Surge is likely due to the toxic drug supply