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Toronto Board of Health

Re: Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aPHa) - Update

Colleagues,

Director Kate Mulligan, the Board of Health's appointee to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aPHa) Board of Directors and Board of Health Section, will provide a verbal update.

Sincerely,

Joe Cressy
Chair, Toronto Board of Health

Attachment 1 - aPHa Information Break, March 2021 from Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies

alPHa Information Break, March 2021

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March 18th, 2021

This update is a tool to keep alPHa's members apprised of the latest news in public health including provincial announcements, legislation, alPHa activities, correspondence, and events. Visit us at alphaweb.org.

Thank You!

Yesterday marked the one-year anniversary of the Ontario government declaring a state of emergency. Throughout the past year alPHa members have worked tirelessly to protect the health and safety of people from across the province. Thank you to our Medical Officers of Health, Associate Medical Officers of Health, Board of Health members, and Affiliate members for your service, dedication, and public health leadership.

COVID-19 Update

As part of the response to COVID-19, alPHa continues to represent the public health system and work with key stakeholders including the Ministry of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario Medical Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, primary care sector, and others.

alPHa frequently shares Situation Reports and COVID-19-related news with the membership. If you are not receiving these, please get in touch with the contact person at your health unit who distributes information on behalf of alPHa.

[Visit the Ministry of Health's page on guidance for the health sector](#)

[View the Ministry's website on the status of COVID-19 cases](#)

[Go to Public Health Ontario's COVID-19 website](#)

[Visit the Public Health Agency of Canada's COVID-19 website](#)

Conference and Annual General Meeting Update

**Ontario's Public Health System
Challenges – Changes – Champions
June 8, 2021**

alPHa's 2021 Conference and Annual General Meeting is online this year. The event will continue the conversation on the critical role of Ontario's public health system and will include discussions on the response to COVID-19 and the future of public health.

In conjunction with the AGM, members were recently sent the following documents:

- Notice of the 2021 alPHa Annual General Meeting

- Call for 2021 alPHa Resolutions
- Call for 2021 alPHa Distinguished Service Awards
- Call for Board of Health Nominations alPHa Board of Directors

These documents and additional information about the AGM and Conference, including the event flyer, can be found [here](#). The draft program and registrations are scheduled to go live on the alPHa website in mid-April. In the meantime, don't forget to hold the date: June 8th!

A sponsorship package is available for the conference and can be accessed [here](#).

Request for Photos

Do you have a photo showing alPHa members in action that we can share with attendees at the Annual Conference? We want to profile the key role that public health is playing in the pandemic response. Please send your images to: info@alphaweb.org

alPHa Fitness Challenge

The alPHa fitness challenge is back! And this time...no paperwork!

All members are encouraged to engage in masked and physically distant fitness activities (on their own or with those in their household) that are at least 30 minutes in length during the month of May. Participate and share a picture on your Twitter account, tagging @PHAgencies #alPHa2021. You will be highlighted in the alPHa e-newsletter and during the AGM June 8th.

The Fitness Challenge flyer can be found [here](#). (We will also post this soon on the website.)

Get ready to virtually meet and tips from our hosts NWHU!

As hosts of the alPHa AGM in June, NWHU wants to help you to prepare by sharing tips from their Healthy Meetings and Events Guide to help you prepare for a productive day. The tips are useful for all of your meeting filled days! Help yourself by making the healthy choice the easy choice. Prepare for your day by packing a healthy lunch and snacks, filling up your water bottle, and scheduling in some opportunities to move (even just a little).

Looking for more? Implement a healthy meeting and event policy for your organization using resources available at [NWHU Healthy Meetings and Events](#)

alPHa Correspondence

Through policy analysis, collaboration, and advocacy, alPHa's members and staff act to promote public health policies that form a strong foundation for the improvement of health promotion and protection, disease prevention, and surveillance services in all of Ontario's communities. Check out the most recent [submissions](#).

Boards of Health: Shared Resources

A resource [page](#) is available on the alPHa's website for Board of Health members to facilitate the sharing of and access to orientation materials, best practices, by-laws, resolutions, and other resources. If you have a best practice, by-law or any other resource that you would like to make available, please send a file or a link with a brief description to gordon@alphaweb.org and it will be posted in the appropriate library.

In addition, here are additional resources available on the alPHa website:

- [Orientation Manual for Board of Health](#)
- [Review of Board of Health Liability \(PowerPoint presentation\)](#)
- [Governance Toolkit](#)
- [Risk Management for Health Units](#)
- [Healthy Rural Communities Toolkit](#)
- [The Ontario Public Health Standards](#)
- [Public Appointee Role and Governance Overview](#)
- [Ontario Boards of Health by Region](#)

- [List of Units sorted by Municipality](#)
- [List of Municipalities sorted by Health Unit](#)

PHO Courses

Information on PHO events and professional development opportunities can be found here: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/education-and-events/events#q=1> Topics include: infectious disease, emergency preparedness, immunization, environmental and occupational health, health promotion, chronic diseases, epidemiology, laboratory sciences and research.

New Releases

- Ministry of Health Transfer Orders: <https://www.ontariohealth.ca/corporate-documents> and <https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/news/bulletin/> - March 17, 2021
- [Ontario is Expanding the Protection and Preservation of Green Spaces](#) – March 15, 2021
- [Ontario Provides Additional Protection for Retirement Home Residents and Staff](#) – March 15, 2021
- [Supporting Eastern Ontario's Historic Sites, Parks and Attractions during COVID-19](#) – March 15, 2021
- [Ontario Expanding Access to Mental Health and Addictions Services in Northwestern Ontario](#) – March 15, 2021
- [Ontario Launching Provincial Booking System for COVID-19 Vaccines](#) – March 14, 2021
- [Ontario Moving Three Regions to New Levels in the COVID-19 Response Framework](#) – March 12, 2021
- [Canada and Ontario Invest to Expand Community and Recreational Infrastructure in Toronto](#) – March 12, 2021
- [Ontario Takes Steps to Further Protect Nipissing Region Businesses from COVID-19](#) – March 12, 2021
- [Ontario Supports Expanding Virtual Mental Health Services for Youth](#) – March 11, 2021
- [Ontario Activates Emergency Brake in Sudbury Public Health Region](#) – March 11, 2021
- [Ontario to Release 2021 Budget on March 24](#) – March 11, 2021
- [Ontario Pharmacies and Primary Care Settings to Begin Offering COVID-19 Vaccinations](#) – March 10, 2021
- [Ontario Takes Further Action to Protect Homeless Shelters during COVID-19](#) – March 10, 2021
- [Ontario Completes All First Dose COVID-19 Vaccinations in Northern Remote Indigenous Communities](#) – March 8, 2021
- [Ontario Accelerates Safe and Affordable Housing in Hamilton](#) – March 5, 2021
- [Ontario Ready to Rollout Phase Two of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan](#) – March 5, 2021
- [Toronto, Peel and North Bay-Parry Sound Public Health Regions Returning to Strengthened COVID-19 Response Framework](#) – March 5, 2021
- [Ontario Increasing Mental Health Supports for Indigenous Peoples, Families and Communities](#) – March 4, 2021
- [Ontario Renews Calls for Ottawa to Provide Fair Share of Health Care Funding](#) – March 4, 2021
- [Canada and Ontario Invest to Improve Recreational Infrastructure in Atikameksheng Anishnawbek](#) – March 4, 2021
- [Ontario Provides Additional Support for Municipalities During COVID-19](#) – March 4, 2021
- [Ontario Provides More than \\$1 Billion in Support for Small Business](#) – March 2, 2021
- [Ontario Increasing Supports for Black Students](#) – March 1, 2021
- [Ontario Keeping Seniors Safe and Socially Connected during COVID-19](#) – March 1, 2021
- [Ontario Activates Emergency Brake in Thunder Bay District Health Unit and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#) – February 26, 2021
- [Canada and Ontario Invest in Culture and Recreation Infrastructure in the City of Hamilton](#)

- February 25, 2021
- [Ontario Supports the Greenbelt Foundation](#) – February 23, 2021
- [Ontario Administers over Half a Million Doses of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) – February 19, 2021
- [Stay-at-Home Order Extended in Toronto and Peel Public Health Regions Along with North Bay-Parry Sound](#) – February 19, 2021
- [Ontario Takes Action to Combat Racism and Hate Crimes](#) – February 19, 2021

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