

2024 Year-in-Review

Presentation to the Board of Health

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A Year-in-Review of Toronto Public Health

- In 2024, Toronto Public Health renewed commitment to adapting and improving to serve the diverse needs of our city.
- In addition to providing core public health programs and services, Toronto Public Health:
 - developed a strategic plan,
 - launched new initiatives and resources, and
 - enhanced partnerships with City divisions and the community.

Toronto Public Health Strategic Plan



- July 8, 2024: Board of Health adopted Toronto Public Health's Strategic Plan 2024-2028

VISION: A city where all people can be healthy and thrive.

MISSION: Toronto Public Health protects and improves health at a population level while reducing health inequities.

Strengthening health protection, disease prevention, and emergency preparedness

- Provided **155,000** oral screenings
- Vaccinated more than **42,000** children and youth
- Completed over **28,600** food premises inspections
- Launched online vaping prevention resources
- Updated the Integrated Respiratory Diseases Dashboard
- Enhanced the Wildfire Smoke Response Strategy



Promoting health and well-being across the lifespan



- Collaborated with partners to make our city age-inclusive, age-friendly, and age-equitable
- Implemented the Into Kids Health Initiative
- Supported student nutrition programs, which provide meals and snacks to over **235,000** students each school day
- Expanded access to breastfeeding services

Promoting the conditions to support positive mental health and reduce the harms of substance use

- Issued the first Our Health, Our City Strategy (OHOC) annual report and established the OHOC Implementation Panel
- Piloted the Downtown CORE Team
- The Works Harm Reduction Program:
 - collected and safely disposed of over **358,480** needles
 - saw over **17,200** visits to the supervised consumption site
 - provided over **7,730** client referrals
 - responded to over **658** overdoses



Advocating to advance health equity

- Established the Indigenous Wellness Committee
- Initiated a refresh of several population health status indicators (PHSI)
- Re-engaged with Ontario Health Teams to achieve common objectives



Nurturing a positive workplace culture



- Hosted the Hastings Lecture Series event, *Diverse Dialogues: Stigma and Breaking Barriers*
- Provided professional development and wellness initiatives for staff
- Navigated office relocation and staff changes

Other achievements and outcomes

- **Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA):** From Fall 2023 – Fall 2024, compliance with ISPA for the 2016 cohort increased from 28% to 98%
- **Tuberculosis reporting tool:** 64% of newcomers chose new online self-reporting tool for tuberculosis medical surveillance
- **Corporate Communications Department of the Year:** honour by the International Association of Business Communicators



Looking ahead

In 2025, Toronto Public Health will continue to advance our strategic priorities, protecting and promoting the health of the more than three million residents of Toronto.