

# Message from the Medical Officer of Health



Dear Board of Health Members,

It is my honour to be writing to you as the Medical Officer of Health for the largest local public health unit in the largest municipality in Canada.

In the first few months of my time at Toronto Public Health, I have been inspired by the energy and dedication that Toronto Public Health staff bring to their work. That dedication matters – not only to me and the leadership team at Toronto Public Health, but to the millions of Torontonians who rely on our programs and services every day.

As we reflect on 2025, I want to recognize what we have accomplished. We moved out from our headquarters at 277 Victoria Street. We responded to the largest measles outbreak in decades in the province. We implemented new software systems that make our work more efficient. We supported the City of Toronto's inaugural Black Maternal Health Week and the Toronto Community Champion Awards for 2025. We moved forward on reconciliation with a creative way to fund Indigenous health agencies that respected their decision-making autonomy.

Our teams were also recognized for their achievements. Our Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Family Home Visitors received a 2025 City Manager's Award of Excellence – the highest form recognition for outstanding achievement in the Toronto Public Service. Toronto Public Health was also designated for the 13th time as a Best Practice Spotlight Organization by the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario, recognizing our commitment to following best practice guidelines and optimizing health outcomes at all levels.

The world continues to be an unpredictable place. People are facing multiple challenges to their health and well-being. Whatever may be lying ahead of us in 2026, I am confident in the ability of Toronto Public Health to meet the challenges of our evolving public health landscape, and I am committed to making Toronto a healthy and resilient place for all.

Thank you to the Board of Health for your continued partnership and support.

Together, we are delivering high-quality public health interventions that make a real impact on the health of those who live, work, play and study in Toronto, and address the complex health issues facing our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Murti'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Michelle Murti (she/her)  
Medical Officer of Health