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**MEMORANDUM TO:**

Board of Health Chairs, Medical Officers of Health and  
Chief Executive Officers

**RE:**

2015 Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement  
Indicators

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We are pleased to advise you that the ministry has finalized the performance indicators for the 2015 Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement (please see Appendix A). A number of factors were considered in finalizing the indicators, including ministry priorities, current health unit performance, input received through the Indicator Development Task Group process, and feedback received from the health units through consultation processes in September 2013 and October 2014.

The ten 2014 health promotion indicators will continue in 2015.

There are some changes to the set of health protection indicators, including:

- A new indicator, “% of salmonellosis cases where one or more risk factor(s) other than ‘Unknown’ was entered into iPHIS”;
- Immunization coverage indicators are being re-introduced following the roll-out of Panorama; and
- Some health protection indicators will only have targets set for those boards of health where there is opportunity for performance improvement.

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In addition to the changes noted above, 2015 will be used as the baseline year for a new health protection indicator “% of confirmed gonorrhea cases treated according to recommended Ontario treatment guidelines”. This 2015 baseline data will be collected in early 2016 as part of 2015 year-end reporting.

The ministry is also committed to working on developing new indicators. These can include specific indicators or areas of common interest that require further development prior to being considered for inclusion in Accountability Agreements. A list of these developmental indicators for 2015 can be found in Appendix B.

Further details on all indicators will be available in updated Technical Documents which will be posted on the DoN Performance Management Data Sharing Site and provided in a future communication prior to 2014 Year-End Data Collection.

If you have any questions, please send them to [PHUIndicators@ontario.ca](mailto:PHUIndicators@ontario.ca) or contact us directly.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on implementation of the 2015 Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement indicators.

Yours truly,

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## APPENDIX A - 2015 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

HEALTH PROMOTION INDICATORS	Current	New
% of population (19+) that exceeds the Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines	•	
Fall-related emergency visits in older adults aged 65+	•	
% of youth (ages 12-18) who have never smoked a whole cigarette	•	
% of tobacco vendors in compliance with youth access legislation at the time of last inspection	•	
% of secondary schools inspected once per year for compliance with section 10 of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA) †	•	
% of tobacco retailers inspected for compliance with section 3 of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA)	•	
% of tobacco retailers inspected once per year for compliance with display, handling and promotion sections of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA)	•	
Oral Health Assessment and Surveillance: % of all JK, SK and Grade 2 students screened in publicly funded schools	•	
Implementation status of NutriSTEP®	•	
Baby-Friendly Initiative (BFI) Status	•	

†Note that 2014 will be used as the baseline year for this indicator and that this baseline data will be collected as part of the 2014 year-end reporting.

HEALTH PROTECTION INDICATORS	Current	New
% of high-risk food premises inspected once every 4 months while in operation*	•	
% of moderate-risk food premises inspected once every 6 months while in operation	•	
% of Class A pools inspected while in operation*	•	
% of high-risk Small Drinking Water Systems (SDWS) inspections completed for those that are due for re-inspection*	•	
% of public spas inspected while in operation*	•	
% of personal services settings inspected annually	•	
% of suspected rabies exposures reported with investigation initiated within one day of public health unit notification	•	

HEALTH PROTECTION INDICATORS	Current	New
% of confirmed gonorrhea cases where initiation of follow-up occurred within two business days*	•	
% of confirmed iGAS cases where initiation of follow-up occurred on the same day as receipt of lab confirmation of a positive case*	•	
% of salmonellosis cases where one or more risk factor(s) other than “Unknown” was entered into iPHIS†		•
% of HPV vaccine wasted that is stored/administered by the public health unit	•	
% of influenza vaccine wasted that is stored/administered by the public health unit	•	
% of refrigerators storing publicly funded vaccines that have received a completed routine annual cold chain inspection	•	
% of school-aged children who have completed immunizations for hepatitis B	‡	
% of school-aged children who have completed immunizations for HPV	‡	
% of school-aged children who have completed immunizations for meningococcus	‡	

\*Note that targets will be set for these indicators for those boards of health where there is opportunity for performance improvement.

†Note that 2014 will be used as the baseline year for this indicator and that this baseline data will be collected as part of the 2014 year-end reporting.

‡Note that these indicators are being re-introduced to the Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreements.

## APPENDIX B - 2015 DEVELOPMENTAL INDICATORS

“Developmental Indicator” means a measure of performance or an area of common interest for creating a measure of performance that requires development due to factors such as, but not limited to: the need for new data collection, methodological refinement, testing, consultation or analysis of reliability, feasibility or data quality before being considered to be a Performance Indicator. Developmental Indicators do not have targets and will not be measured in 2015.

<b>HEALTH PROMOTION DEVELOPMENTAL INDICATORS</b>	
Assess the effectiveness of public health unit partnerships regarding falls prevention: using a partnership evaluation tool	
Track progression on local alcohol policy development: policies that create or enhance safe and supportive environments	
Tobacco Prevention: Level of Achievement of Tobacco Use Prevention in Secondary School: progress towards implementation of tobacco-free living initiatives within secondary schools	
Obesity Prevention: Policy & Environmental Support Status: healthy eating and physical activity policy development and the creation of supportive environments that will help to reduce childhood obesity	
Growth and Development – Parent access to the Nipissing District Developmental Screen™: promotion and implementation of healthy growth and development screen	

<b>HEALTH PROTECTION DEVELOPMENTAL INDICATORS</b>	
Presence of a certified food handler (CFH) in high-risk food service premises	
% of respiratory infection outbreaks in institutions entered into iPHIS where all four required ministry policy questions are 100% complete	
Completion of ISPA assessments for 7 and 17 year olds	
Vaccine wastage from all sources	
Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs) Education and Reporting	