

Ontario Public Health Standards: Revisions to Existing Protocols

Protocol	Revisions	Service Delivery Implications	Staffing Implications	Budget Implications
Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous system, Immunization Records Information System, replaced with name of new system currently in use, Panorama. 	None.	None.	None.
Oral Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 2 week notice to be given prior to school screening including legal authority, options to withdraw and contact information. Health units to follow up to ensure notification of screening have been distributed to parents. If not, screening is to be re-scheduled. 	Revisions incorporated into current processes.	None.	None.
Vaccine Storage and Handling Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous system, Immunization Records Information System, replaced with name of new system currently in use, Panorama. 	None.	None.	None.
Immunization Management Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity that Medical Officer of Health may order school operator to suspend a student. Need to rescind orders where the circumstances no longer exist (i.e. students that never updated records within 20 days). List of vaccines that the Board of Health must recommend including diphtheria, measles, mumps, poliomyelitis, rubella, tetanus, pertussis, meningococcal, varicella, pneumococcal, Hep B and rotavirus. 	May require letters after suspension to rescind those students that were out the full 20 days. Minimal number of letters expected.	None.	None.
Infectious Disease Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document formatting and reference updates. 	None.	None.	None.
Institutional / Facilitates Outbreak Prevention and Control Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document formatting and reference updates. 	None.	None.	None.
Infection Prevention and Control in Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document formatting and reference updates. 	None.	None.	None.

Services Settings Protocol				
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Infection Prevention and Control in Child Care Centres Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct assessments to ensure policies on infection prevention and control are developed with the Board of Health and adhered to by child care centres and to identify risks of infectious disease transmission, risk mitigation strategies and policies and child care centre adherence to these strategies and policies • Respond to requests from child care centres for consultation or inspections related to infection prevention and control policies and practices • Investigate complaints related to infection prevention and control practices • Assist child care centres in the management of infectious disease outbreaks of public health importance • Assist in developing and maintaining policies to address up-to-date immunization or appropriate exemption for every child prior to being admitted to a child care centre and child care centre staff prior to commencing employment • Introduction of new Guidance Document on the Management of Animals in Child Care Centres • Use of Well Beings: A Guide to Health in Child Care by the Canadian Paediatric Society as a best practice reference 	<p>Most revisions incorporated into current processes.</p> <p>There will be increased PHS assistance during routine inspections in developing and maintaining policies in child care centres (e.g. immunization status).</p> <p>The Infection Prevention and Control team will be working with the Vaccine Preventable Disease team on appropriate measures to address immunization requirements through educational tools such as our Infection Control Guidelines for Child Care Centres.</p>	None.	None.
Risk Assessment and Inspection of Facilities Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document formatting and reference updates. 	None.	None.	None.
Food Safety Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document formatting and reference updates. 	None.	None.	None.
Recreational Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document formatting and reference updates. 	None.	None.	None.

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Tobacco Compliance Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of “outdoor smoke-free area, including but not limited to a patio of a restaurant/bar” as an example supporting “smoke-free perimeter or grounds in the surrounding area” • Hospitals and / or office buildings owned by the Province were added as examples of smoke-free grounds as opposed to the earlier 9M set-back requirement from hospital entrance and exit ways • Added that signage will be placed in the areas defined as smoke-free perimeter or grounds • Education and inspection requirements related to flavoured tobacco products • Education and inspection requirements related to establishments selling shisha/waterpipe tobacco 	Additional inspections and education are required for vendors and outdoor spaces.	Existing staff may accrue overtime to complete increased work or absorb into current work schedules as time allows. Staffing to be reviewed.	Potential over-time (paid/banked) and operating costs associated with education and promotion of new legislation. These costs are currently being absorbed with base Smoke Free Ontario funding.