

Overview of Changes to the Ontario Public Health Standards, 2008 to 2017

Foundational Standards

2008	2017
Foundational Standard	Foundational Standard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population Health Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population Health Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surveillance 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research & Knowledge Exchange 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Public Health Practice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Evaluation 	
Program Standard: Emergency Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Preparedness, Response & Recovery
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Equity (NEW)

Program Standards

2008	2017
Chronic Disease Prevention	Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention, Wellness and Substance Misuse
Prevention of Injury and Substance Misuse	
Food Safety	Food Safety
Health Hazard Prevention & Management	Healthy Environments
Safe Water	Safe Water
Reproductive Health	Healthy Growth & Development
Child Health	School Health
Infectious Diseases Prevention & Control	Infectious & Communicable Diseases Prevention & Control
Rabies Prevention & Control	
Sexual Health, STI, and BBI	
Tuberculosis Prevention & Control	
Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Immunization

OPHS, 2008	Changes
Foundational Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 2008 requirements have been re-organized in the modernized Population Health Assessment and Effective Public Health Practice Standards.
Chronic Disease Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements reflected in the Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention, Wellness and Substance Misuse Standard. • All health protection requirements remain (i.e. those related to enforcement of Smoke Free Ontario Act, Skin Cancer Prevention Act, and Electronic Cigarettes Act). • Removal of increasing public awareness of benefits of screening for early detection of cancers and other chronic diseases of public health importance (as a topic). • Removal of Nutritious Food Basket Protocol; collecting data on the cost of a nutritious food basket remains in the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol. • All other 2008 requirements are not explicitly stated but are reflected in modernized requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirement for BoHs to implement programs of public health interventions addressing chronic disease and substance misuse risk factors and risk factors for injuries based on a local assessment of needs. ▪ BoHs can consider a number of topics, related to chronic disease, substance misuse, and injuries, to focus on for public health interventions (variability component).
Prevention of Injury and Substance Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 2008 requirements are not explicitly stated but are reflected in the Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention, Wellness and Substance Misuse Standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirement for BoHs to implement programs of public health interventions addressing chronic disease and substance misuse risk factors and risk factors for injuries based on a local assessment of needs. ▪ BoHs can consider a number of topics, related to chronic disease, substance misuse, and injuries, to focus on for public health interventions (variability component).
Reproductive Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 2008 requirements are not explicitly stated but are reflected in the Healthy Growth and Development Standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirement for BoHs to implement a program of public health interventions to support healthy growth and development based on a local assessment of needs. ▪ BoHs can consider a number of topics, related to healthy growth and development, to focus on for public health interventions (variability component).

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Child Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements related to oral health moved to the School Health Standard. • Requirement to review drinking water quality reports moved to Safe Water Standard. • Healthy eating and physical activity topics included in the Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention, Wellness and Substance Misuse Standard; broad topic of growth and development included in the Healthy Growth and Development Standard. • All other 2008 requirements are not explicitly stated but are reflected in the Healthy Growth and Development Standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirement for BoHs to implement a program of public health interventions to support healthy growth and development based on a local assessment of needs. ▪ BoHs can consider a number of topics, related to healthy growth and development, to focus on for public health interventions (variability component).
Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 2008 requirements reflected in the Infectious and Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Standard; some requirements have been consolidated. • Requirement related to posting of infection prevention and control lapses reflected in the public disclosure requirement in the Effective Public Health Practice Standard; details to be included in the Protocol.
Rabies Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the following are reflected in the Rabies Prevention and Control Protocol, removal of requirements to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liaise with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to identify local cases of rabies; and ▪ Annually remind individuals regarding their duty to report suspected rabies exposures. • All other 2008 requirements consolidated and reflected in the Infectious and Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Standard.
Sexual Health, STI, and BBI (including HIV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 2008 requirements reflected in the Infectious and Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Standard; some requirements have been consolidated.
Tuberculosis Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 2008 requirements reflected in the Infectious and Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Standard; some requirements have been consolidated.

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Vaccine Preventable Diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of requirement to provide or ensure provision the availability of travel health clinics. • Requirements to assess the immunization status of children in accordance with ISPA and to provide school-based clinics moved to the School Health Standard. • All other 2008 requirements reflected in the Immunization Standard.
Food Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 2008 requirements reflected in the modernized Food Safety Standard; some requirements have been consolidated.
Safe Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 2008 requirements reflected in the modernized Safe Water Standard; some requirements have been consolidated.
Health Hazard Prevention and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of requirement to maintain systems to support timely communication with relevant partners about identified health hazard risks as it understood to be part of emergency preparedness and response activities as well as part of health hazard investigation and response. • Requirement to develop local vector-borne management strategy moved to the Infectious and Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Standard. • All other 2008 requirements reflected in the Healthy Environments Standard.
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The modernized Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery Standard includes one requirement which refers BoHs to other ministry policy and guidance documents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other requirements will be reflected in other ministry policy and guidance documents currently being developed.