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## PLEASE ROUTE TO:

**All Board of Health Members**  
**All Members of Regional Health & Social Service Committees**  
**All Senior Public Health Managers**

Dear alPHa Members,

Have you registered yet for the [Association of Local Public Health Agencies \(alPHa\) Winter Symposium and Section Meetings](#) that are taking place on February 24th? All alPHa members are encouraged to participate.

The Winter Symposium will continue the important conversation on the role of local public health in the province's Public Health System. Highlights include greetings from the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada; Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Allan O'Dette, President & CEO, Ontario Medical Association; and Steini Brown, Dean, Dalla Lana School of Public Health.

Plenary Sessions also have an exciting line-up of speakers who will be discussing key issues related to public health. Speakers include: Dr. Christopher Simpson, Executive Vice-President, Medical, Ontario Health; Provincial Constable Wendi Hughes, Ontario Provincial Police - East Region Liaison; Michael Sherar, President and CEO, Public Health Ontario; Brendan Smith, Scientist, Public Health Ontario; Roman Pabayo, Associate Professor, University of Alberta; Naomi Schwartz, Epidemiologist Lead, Public Health Ontario; Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education; and Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Throughout the day we will also be featuring alPHa Board members: Trudy Sachowski, President; Carmen McGregor, Chair, Boards of Health Section; Dr. Eileen de Villa, Chair, Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health; Paul Sharma, Affiliate Representative; Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang, Vice-Chair, Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health; Dr. Charles Gardner, Vice-President; and Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Past-President.

Registration information, the draft Symposium program, the draft agenda for the BOH Section meeting, and the event flyer can be accessed by going to the [alPHa website](#) and clicking on the Symposium Banner or by going to the [event page](#). This webpage is also where any updates will be posted. The closing date to register has been revised to Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm to take into account Family Day. Please note that you must be an alPHa member to participate in the Symposium or Section meetings. All registrants will receive login information prior to the event.

If you are a BOH Section or Affiliate member and are registered for the Symposium, you may also attend the [Pre-Symposium Workshop: Road 2 Mental Readiness \(R2MR\)](#) on February 23, 2023. The

workshop was developed in collaboration with the Canadian Armed Forces for public health leaders and is based on a cycle that entails preparation, performance, and recovery. Please note, if you are a BOH or Affiliate attendee, you do not need to separately register for this workshop. (COMOH members, this is the R2MR workshop you participated in on November 18, 2022. If you are a COMOH member, missed the original session, and want to participate, you can contact Melanie Dziengo at [communications@alphaweb.org](mailto:communications@alphaweb.org).)

Thank you to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit for co-hosting the event and to the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health for their generous support.

We hope to see you online on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>!

Take Care,

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