



INFORMATION REPORT

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| TO: | Mayor and Members Public Health Committee |
| COMMITTEE DATE: | November 4, 2024 |
| SUBJECT/REPORT NO: | Hamilton Community Health Status Report 2024 (BOH24024) (City Wide) |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | City Wide |
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COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not Applicable.

INFORMATION

Hamilton Public Health Services is publicly releasing Hamilton's Community Health Status Report through the Public Health Committee on November 4, 2024 (see Appendix "A" to Public Health Committee Report BOH24024). The report will be available on the City of Hamilton's webpage at: <https://www.hamilton.ca/people-programs/public-health/community-health-data>.

Public Health Services is mandated by the Population Health Assessment Foundational Standard of the Ontario Public Health Standards¹ to assess the health status of our community and share population health information with the public, community partners, and other healthcare providers. There are many approaches to population health assessment that provide information to better understand our community's health. Hamilton's Community Health Status Report is one tool to achieve this and is part of our commitment to enhance our approach to population health assessment.

¹ Ministry of Health (2021). Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability. <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-ontario-public-health-standards-en-2021.pdf>

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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The goal of Hamilton’s Community Health Status Report is to provide meaningful health status information, including social determinants of health and health inequities, to guide public health planning and service delivery. This information may also be used by community partners and the public to increase awareness of local health issues, inform community planning, decisions, and development of local public policy, and foster a common understanding of the breadth of issues that impact our community’s wellbeing.

Public Health Services staff consulted with local organizations that serve communities experiencing marginalization and disproportionate health outcomes to better understand the health data and information and how to share it in a meaningful way. Engagement with local Indigenous organizations is ongoing as Public Health Services did not involve them early enough in the process to meaningfully engage on content. Public Health Services will continue to engage with Indigenous community partners to review available health status information and ensure that any information about the Indigenous community reflects their unique knowledge, experiences, and histories.

The report includes a broad number of health topics that include:

1. Geographic and Population;
2. Social Circumstances Influencing Health;
3. General Health;
4. Healthy Pregnancies and Births;
5. Child and Youth Health;
6. Immunization;
7. Infectious Disease;
8. Environments and Health;
9. Mental Health;
10. Substance Use;
11. Injury and Violence;
12. Healthy Living; and,
13. Chronic Disease.

The City of Hamilton and community partners have a role in amplifying findings of Hamilton’s Community Health Status Report and can use this information to support planning, delivery and monitoring of health services. Our community and its health status are constantly evolving, along with our understanding of the available information. This report may be used as one tool to support the collective journey to improve and protect the health and well-being of our community and reduce socioeconomic disparities and the resulting health inequities.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report BOH24024

Hamilton Community Health Status Report