

Meet RVH IPAC Hub

Our Partners



We are:



Respectfully in Treaty
16 and 18 Territory and
the Traditional Home-
land of the Métis

IPAC Hub is Here to Support You

As we are in the fall season, it seems summer just flew by us. It has been great seeing more and more people around the city even as restrictions are relaxed. We are encouraged with increased vaccination rates, and are hopeful that we have better times ahead of us. — *Sarah Morris, Director of Professional Practice, IPAC & Allied Health Services*

WHO ARE WE?

The Hub Model is the initiative of Ministry of Health, Ontario to support all congregate settings in terms of Infection Prevention and Control. Leadership is provided by local public health units, hospitals and other healthcare partners to provide specialized guidance and support through a one-window model.

RVH IPAC Hub is the local hub responsible for congregate settings within the Northern Central Simcoe Muskoka Health district.

OUR ROLE

- Identify, monitor, and support IPAC training and practice needs within our catchment area - including congregate living settings funded and overseen by the Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC), Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility (MSAA), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and the Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services (MCCSS).
- Strengthen current partnerships and broker new ones
- Bring forward and escalate issues of concern that are outside of the scope of IPAC while finding ways to provide support
- Look into areas of need of care homes and assist the homes to find the solutions that fit a particular setting

This role does not aim at reporting wrong doing or look for punitive measures, but rather a supportive role that is aimed at sharing IPAC expertise, public health information and directives, which have been rapidly changing since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are here to help you so please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

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Joseph has a background training as a physician, with specialty training in family medicine and public health. He worked with public health for a few years and developed interest and passion for preventive medicine. He proceeded to Centennial College, Ontario to complete the IPAC course, followed by certification in Infection Prevention and Control (CIC).

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Lauren is a Public Health professional with specialty in Communicable Diseases and Infection Prevention & Control. Working as an Infection Control Practitioner for four years, she is certified in Infection Prevention and Control (CIC) and has a strong interest in promoting and strengthening IPAC practices across all sectors.

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Mustansir has a MSc in Infectious Diseases from University of London, UK. He previously worked in the field of neuroscience research at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, followed by Sunnybrook Research Institute and brings his years of experience in mental health research to infection prevention in vulnerable populations with mental health challenges.



Delta variant, the dominant variant at the moment is highly contagious, more than 2x as contagious as previous variants and has potential to cause more severe illness in unvaccinated people - CDC

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>)

**Don't let your guard down!
Keep your mask on
Practice regular hand hygiene
Get that shot of hope**

THE FLU SEASON IS UPON US

It is the time of year to book your regular flu shot. Let us continue the good work we have been doing to curb respiratory infections, as directed by public health.



- Monitor for symptoms
- Perform regular hand hygiene
- Wear a mask when indoors
- Get your flu shot and encourage others to as well
- Stay at home when you are sick

INDOOR CELEBRATIONS



Things are looking merrier than the last holiday season. There is high rate of vaccination in staff and residents in homes but we still need to be vigilant and implement some precautions for indoor celebrations and gatherings.

Here are a few recommendations to keep everyone safe.

- Christmas decorations are safe to use as long as facilities follow their routine daily activities plan, such as cohorting and following visitor policy.
- Encourage residents to wear a mask
- Stagger family visits
- Maintain physical distancing when possible
- Disinfect high touch surfaces frequently