



# Huron County Health Unit

## **ORIENTATION Overview**

Huron County Board of Health

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# Let's start a conversation

View the Health Unit's 5 minute video on the social determinants of health at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fetj3D5enA>

Public health is the organized efforts of society to keep people healthy and **prevent** injury, illness and premature death. It is a combination of programs, services and policies that **protect** and **promote** the health of all Canadians.

*Last, J. (2001). A Dictionary of Epidemiology (4<sup>th</sup> ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.*



# History of Public Health in Ontario

Year	Events
<b>1873</b>	The first Public Health Act was passed.
<b>1884</b>	A more comprehensive Public Health Act established the Secretary of the Board of Health (now called the Medical Officer of Health).
<b>1912</b>	<p>The Public Health Act was amended so that health units could be established on a county basis.</p> <p>By 1934 - 800 local boards of health and 700 medical officers of health, most of whom were part-time</p> <p>By 1950 – 25 county and 12 municipal health units served 66% of population</p> <p>By 1965 – 54 boards of health served 95% of population</p>



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<b>1948</b>	The Huron County Health Unit was established.
	1959 – Huron County Board of Health established under Public Health Act.
<b>1967</b>	Full-time public health services required. Suggested optimum population sizes (100,000) for health unit catchment areas.
<b>1983</b>	The Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) was proclaimed, replacing the Public Health Act.
<b>1997</b>	The HPPA was revised. Current edition of the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines published.
<b>2007</b>	The Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion is established in Toronto (now Public Health Ontario) as Ontario’s “CDC of the North”.



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<b>2008</b>	The Ontario Public Health Standards came into effect.
<b>2009</b>	The Initial Report on Public Health is released by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as the first step in developing an accountability framework for board of health.
<b>2011</b>	The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care releases its Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards for boards of health in February 2011. It also introduces Accountability Agreements between government and boards of health.



# Mandates and Legislation

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Health Protection and Promotions Act (1990)

Ontario Public Health Standards  
(2008)

Ontario Public Health  
Organizational Standards (2011)



# Health Promotion and Protection Act

Health Promotion and Protection Act (HPPA) outlines the organization and delivery of public health programs and services:

- The **prevention** of the spread of disease
- The **promotion** and **protection** of the health of the people of Ontario





# Health Promotion and Protection Act

## **Governs health units in:**

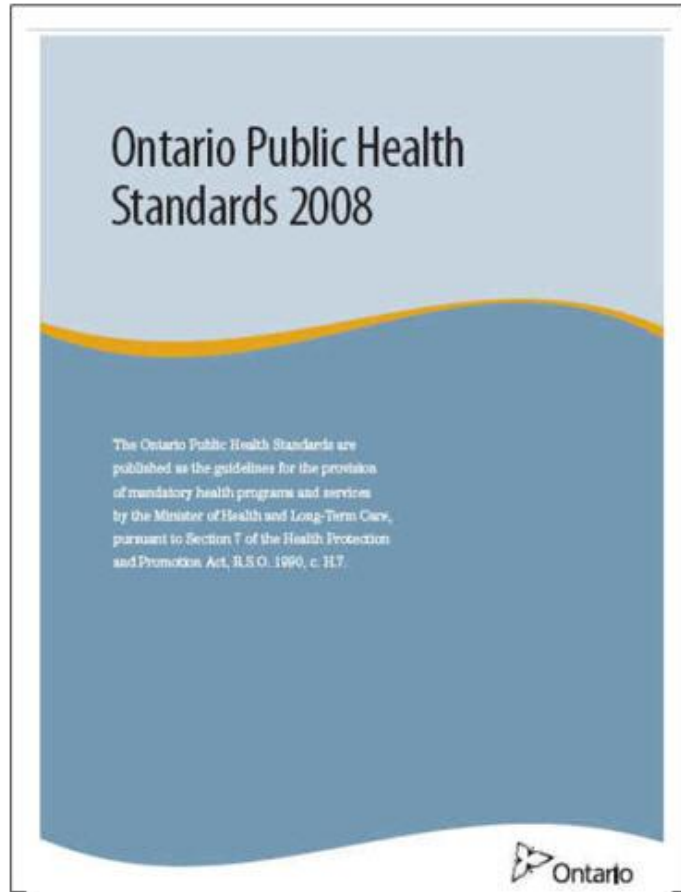
- Health Programs & Services
- Community Health Protection
- Communicable Disease
- Rights of Entry & Appeals from Orders
- Health Units & Boards of Health
- Administration
- Regulations
- Enforcement
- Transition



# Other legislations

- Immunization of School Pupils Act
- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Smoke-Free Ontario Act
- Mandatory Blood Testing Act
- Child Care and Early Years Act
- Personal Health Information Act
- Regulation Health Information Protection Act

# Ontario Public Health Standards



The Ontario Public Health Standards and Protocols establish the minimum requirements for fundamental public health programs and services.

**Program Standards** include:

- Chronic Diseases and Injuries
- Family Health
- Infectious Diseases
- Environmental Health
- Emergency Preparedness

**Foundational Standards** include:

- Population Health Assessment
- Surveillance
- Research & Knowledge Exchange
- Program Evaluation

## The Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards:

- Establish the management and governance requirements for all boards of health and public health units.
- Outline the expectations for the effective governance of boards of health and effective management of public health units.



Ontario Public Health  
Organizational Standards

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport



# OPHOS Requirements

## **Board Structure**

- Board operates with a formal structure and sets expectations

## **Board Operations**

- Members are aware of current and emerging best practices
- Members understand their duties and responsibilities and self-evaluate to improve effectiveness

## **Leadership**

- Board assesses and takes action to improve its governance
- Board responsible for strategic direction setting



# OPHOS Requirements

## **Trusteeship**

- Members fulfill fiduciary duties of care, loyalty and good faith
- Board is responsible for oversight and monitor the organization's operations and performance

## **Community Engagement & Responsiveness**

- Board is responsive to the needs of the local community

## **Management Operations**

- Board ensures management uses strong organizational practices and sound judgement to establish its strategic directions, priorities and objectives



# Additional Resources for BOHs

- aPHa (Association of Local Public Health Agencies) Governance Toolkit
- Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Governance workshop
- aPHa Board of Health website
- Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) eLearning modules



# Huron County Health Unit Core Values

## **Equity**

*We work to ensure equal access to public health services where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.*

## **Customized innovation**

*We actively pursue innovative rural approaches that meet the needs of the people and places in Huron County*

## **Partnerships**

*We are committed to lasting partnerships with those who share our passion for positive change.*

## **Evidence**

*We use evidence-informed approaches to support and advocate for improved quality of life for all.*

## **Leadership**

*We strive to be known as knowledgeable and trusted community leaders.*





# Mandate

***Health Promotion and Protection Act*** mandates health units to provide programs and services in the area of:

- Family Health
- Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention
- Infectious Diseases
- Foundational Standards
- Environmental Health
- Emergency Preparedness



# Our programs and protocols

## Protocols

### Foundational

- Population Health Assessment and Surveillance

### Chronic Diseases and Injuries

- Nutritious Food Basket
- Tobacco Compliance
- Tanning Bed Compliance

### Family Health

- Healthy Babies Healthy
- Oral Health Assessment and Surveillance
- Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT)
- Preventive Oral Health
- Monitoring of Community Water Fluoride Levels

### Infectious Diseases

- Infectious Diseases
- IPAC Day Nurseries
- Institutional/Facility Outbreak Prevention and Control
- Exposure of Emergency Service Workers to Infectious Diseases
- IPAC in Personal Services Settings
- Rabies Prevention and Control
- Tuberculosis Prevention and Control
- Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Vaccine Storage and Handling Protocol
- Immunization Management
- Infection Prevention and Control Practices Complaint

### Environmental Health

- Food Safety Protocol
- Drinking Water Protocol
- Recreational Water
- Beach Management
- Risk Assessment and Inspection of Facilities
- Identification, Investigation and Management of Health Hazards

### Emergency Preparedness

## OPHS and Community Need

### Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention

- Injury Prevention
- Tobacco Prevention/Cessation
- Substance Misuse
- Physical Activity
- Healthy Eating
- Sun Safety
- Schools
- Workplace Wellness
- Cancer Screening

### Family Health

- Child Health
- Reproductive Health
- Parenting
- Breastfeeding
- Oral Health

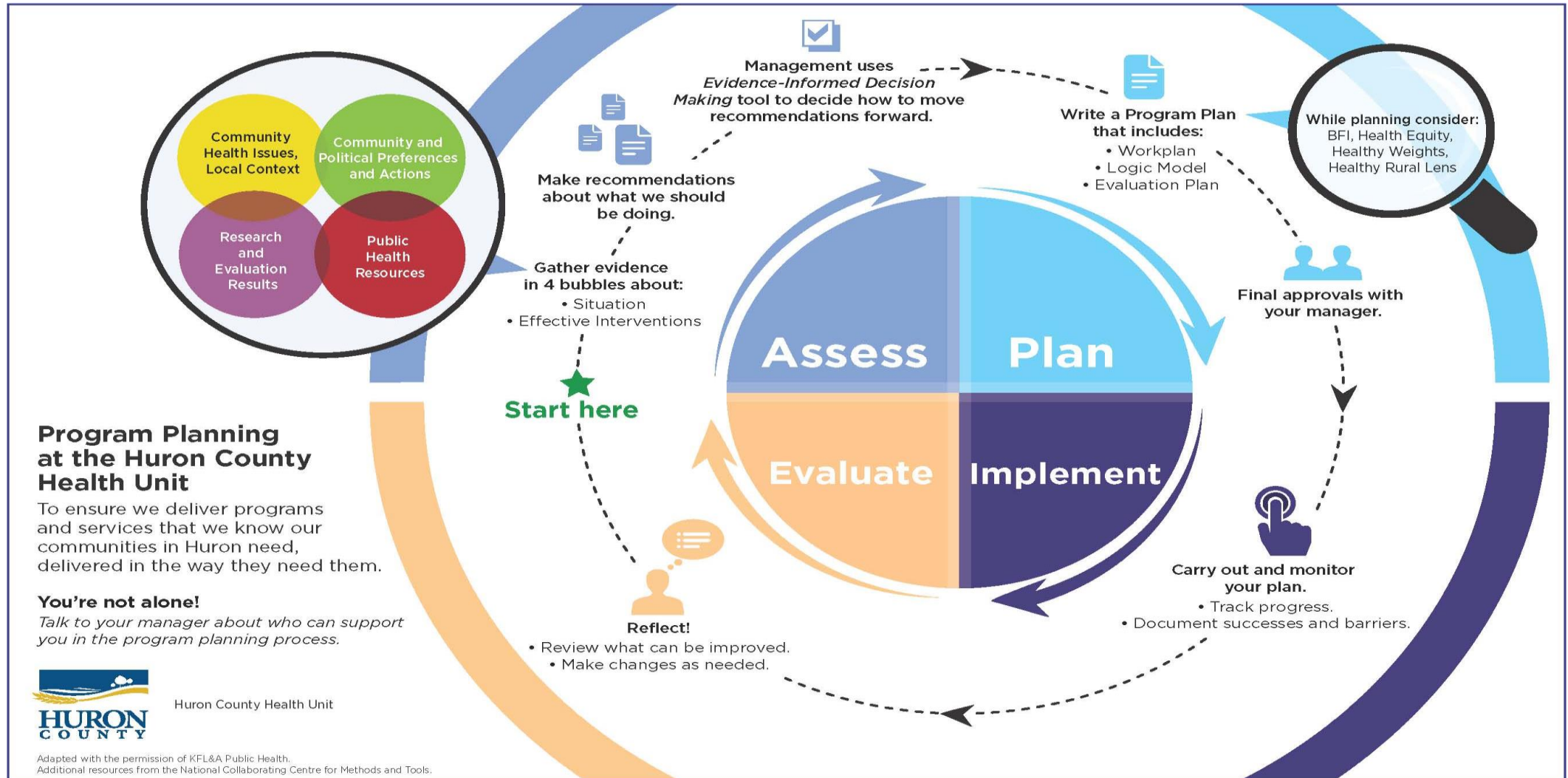
### Community Need

- Health Equity/SDOH
- Mental Health

### Internal Operations

- Organizational operations
- Collaborations and Partnerships
- Program Evaluation
- Knowledge Exchange
- Communications

# Evidence-Informed Decision Making



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