



#PublicHealthHeroes

RECOGNIZING PUBLIC HEALTH HEROES WORKING TIRELESSLY
BEHIND THE SCENES TO KEEP COMMUNITIES HEALTHY AND SAFE

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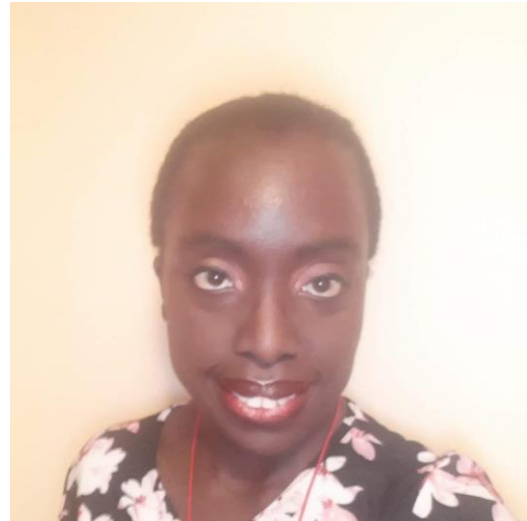
HOW I'M HELPING TO KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE RIGHT NOW

I am a research analyst supporting the Infectious Disease Program at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. My key role with the COVID-19 investigation is as the lead for the creation and maintenance of a local case and contact management database. The data from this database is analyzed by the epidemiologists in my agency to provide disease surveillance and workload reports to those responsible for key decision-making. I am also the iPHIS lead for my agency and I am responsible for training and for data quality management.

MY MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

You are not powerless! Everyone has a role to play during this pandemic, even if just practicing physical distancing. Every little bit helps:

"I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything; but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do." — E.E. Hale, American writer



MY ROLE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

What I'm championing every day to keep communities healthy:

My role is to support the tools used by leadership at my agency to keep the public informed by providing up-to-date information about the pandemic and the local community impact.

What I would like to see for the future of public health:

As health units across the province have created local data management systems as additions or enhancements to iPHIS, my hope is that we can collaborate on a new and improved, centralized provincial infectious disease surveillance system based on lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic.