



# #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

As an Operations co-lead I am supporting the local COVID-19 response with a focus on case and contact management, outbreak management and general support for long-term care homes, retirement homes and other congregate settings. I also work closely with community partners such as our local hospital, community paramedics and First Nation communities to ensure timely access to testing.

### MY MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

*As cliché as it sounds, we are all in this together. I know this is so difficult but each of us has an important role to play in keeping our community healthy, which includes following public health measures like social distancing and hand washing. Public health connects us all.*

### MY ROLE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

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

I work alongside a dedicated team to provide many essential public health services in our community. These include the control of disease outbreaks through swift and effective case and contact management, mitigation of disease through vaccination programs, inspections of personal service settings and childcare centres, and sexual health clinics that provide testing for sexually transmitted infections and blood borne infections

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

This year more than ever, the COVID-19 pandemic has put the work of public health front and center and as a sector our response has been nimble and effective. I want public health to be widely recognized for its expertise and contribution to the overall health system in Ontario. So much more is possible.