



#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 work with a great team of public health nurses, health inspectors, health promoters, dietitians and administrative staff who collaboratively and tirelessly work towards keeping our community healthy and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. We conduct surveillance, case and contact follow up, outbreak investigation and public health messaging to ensure the safety of our community.



MY ROLE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

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

Public health surveillance and epidemiologic investigations are critical public health functions for identifying impact of COVID-19 pandemic to the health of our community and play a significant role in better understanding the extent of spread and severity. I engage in guiding action by providing evidence generated through epidemiological investigation and data, with a goal of protecting public.

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

Population health perspective should be considered to assess the impact of any health event and is impossible to do so without expertise from public health professionals. Public health professionals work behind the scenes. I hope the COVID-19 pandemic will serve as a reminder that public health efforts deserve attention and funding. Strategic investments in public health, partnerships and data will help improve the odds for good health for all Ontarians. They will pay off in better health outcomes for individuals, healthier, happier, fairer communities and lower health care and social costs.

MY MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

"When the public health department is doing its job, we are not noticed. It is only when a crisis occurs that we are visible..."

- Paul Borawski, Past CEO, American Society for Quality

Together, we will continue to build a stronger, even healthier community. Stay put, stay safe, stay healthy