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Hub Update!

From Your SE IPAC Hub & Spoke Team

The SE IPAC Hub Program is now in our second year! We are pleased to welcome three new team members to the SE IPAC Hub. Information on our three new team members can be found below.



Hub Team



Dana Finnegan-Yee
Manager

Dana is a certified (CIC) Infection Prevention and Control Professional with 14 years experience in a hospital setting. She is a Medical Laboratory Technologist (MLT) along with being an experienced educator registered with the Ontario College of Teachers.



Lana King
Clinical IPAC Coordinator

Lana is a RN and has worked in areas of Critical Care, Public Health within the Infectious and Vaccine Preventable Disease Division, Occupational Health and Infection Prevention and Control. Lana completed the IPAC Canada Infection Control course and has obtained her Certification in Infection Control (CIC).



Caitlin Prentice
Clinical IPAC Coordinator

Caitlin has 10 years' experience in Public Health as a Public Health Inspector with an emphasis on infection control. She has IPAC team experience, which included active roles in outbreak management. Caitlin has obtained her Certification in Infection Control (CIC).

NEW Hub Team Members



Sarah van Dijk: Sarah has 14 years of experience working as a Public Health Inspector at KFL&A Public Health with experience employing infection control and prevention strategies in many different settings. She has also achieved her certification in Infection Control and Prevention (CIC).

Clinical IPAC Coordinator



Saul Akandwanaho: Dr. Saul is a Ugandan-trained physician and has a master of science degree in epidemiology. Most of his work to date has been in infectious diseases. He has most recently been the Infection Control Consultant for Leeds, Grenville, and Lanark District Health Unit and a Public Health Specialist for the Canadian Redcross. In both roles, he focused on IPAC support for Long Term Care, Retirement homes, and other congregate care living settings. His previous work included refugee and migrant health, Tuberculosis screening and treatment for migrants, and running TB/HIV clinics.

Clinical IPAC Coordinator

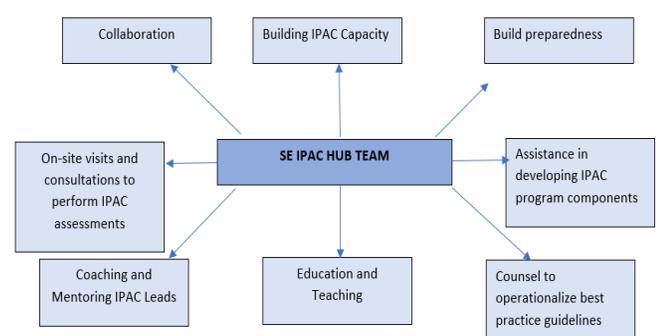


Natasha Salt is the Director of IP&C at Kingston Health Sciences Centre. IP&C has been the forefront of her career for over 20 years, spanning Public Health and Tertiary Acute Care Settings. Her experiences include providing tailored IPAC guidance and leadership across the healthcare sector and beyond, including resource limited settings and in emergency situations. She believes that developing partnerships and networks are the key-stone to effective infectious disease preparedness and outbreak response plans.

Hub Director

How Can The SE IPAC Hub Help Your Facility?

- On-site consultative visits
- IPAC training
- Outbreak preparedness or outbreak support
- IPAC Champion Training
- PPE use
- Best practices recommendations and implementation support
- Support IPAC development



NEW to our website!



Summary of Changes to Directives and Guidance

- The SE IPAC Hub has compiled and consolidated information from the Ministry of Health/Ministry of Long Term Care's COVID-19 Guidance for Health Sectors website as of June 27th, 2022 in a quick reference table. This document can be found on our website and is available [here](#) under **Memorandums!**

Table with select summary of current guidance:

	LTC	RH	Acute care	Congregate living
Universal masking indoors	Required for staff and visitors. Recommended for residents	Required for staff and visitors. Recommended for residents	Based on transmission risk or hospital policy	Recommended
Masking outdoors	Recommended	Recommended	Not applicable	Recommended
Physical distancing	Required	Required	Based on transmission risk	Encouraged, depending on circumstances.
Communal dining	Allowed; guests must stay masked at all times	Allowed	Not applicable	No guidance
Group activities	Allowed, with distancing and masking	Allowed, with distancing and masking	Not applicable	No guidance
Active screening of staff and visitors	Required	Required	Not required as of June 30, or as directed by hospital policy	Required

Calling all IPAC Leads!

- An IPAC lead is now required to be designated in your long-term care home due to the new legislation. The SE IPAC Hub is available to help the IPAC lead. Please forward the contact information for your IPAC lead to the SE IPAC Hub.

On-site Visits and Outbreak support

- The SE IPAC Hub is available for proactive site visits as well as for outbreak support. We can help to build IPAC capacity in your facility!

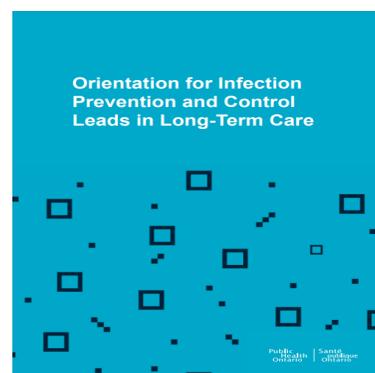


In Case You Missed it!

- PHO held six weekly webinars for long-term care IPAC leads on a variety of topics. The presentations can be viewed on PHO's YouTube page and additional resources can be found [here](#) including an orientation checklist.

IPAC Hub website

- The IPAC hub website is jam packed with resources and is just a [click](#) away!



What's in your Surveillance Program?

IPAC EDUCATION SESSION #2 – FOR LONG TERM CARE HOMES
SE IPAC HUB & SPOKE – SEPTEMBER 10 2021



SE IPAC Hub's IPAC Basics Education

A PRESENTATION ON KEY INFECTION, PREVENTION AND CONTROL BASICS
INTENDED FOR NON-CLINICAL STAFF



IPAC EDUCATION SESSION #3 Simulation Exercises

FOR LONG-TERM CARE & RETIREMENT HOMES
SE IPAC HUB & SPOKE – NOVEMBER 2021

Contact Information

Intake Request

To submit an intake request or urgent request for service, [click here](#).

General Contact

Email us with any questions at SEHubIntake@KingstonHSC.ca.

Feedback

We value our partner suggestions and feedback. If the SE IPAC Hub has provided your organization with services please take a minute to complete our feedback survey to help us improve our program! To provide feedback, [click here](#).

