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Fall Preparedness: Consultations & On-site Education

Our IPAC Hub team have been providing consultations as well as on-site education and training to various congregate living settings. This training involves

- customized scenarios
- practice donning and doffing
- 1-on-1 discussions with staff members

This training can assist with fall outbreak preparedness and reinforce good IPAC practices.

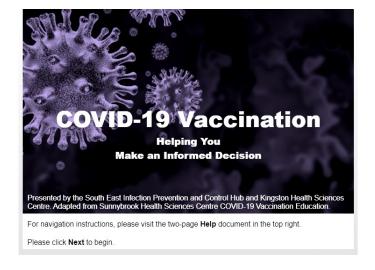
Please <u>contact us</u> to set up a consultation to discuss education possibilities for your home.

COVID-19 Vaccine Education & Policies

When long term care homes were mandated to have a COVID-19 vaccine education program in place July 1st, the IPAC Hub recognized staff, volunteers and students work in multiple settings and organizations within the SE region. Our IPAC Hub team took this as an opportunity to continue to support our partners and provide a standardized regional education program. The material was reviewed by local public health units, experts and selected congregate settings.

It is offered in various formats including a Learning Module System (LMS) and a virtual presentation, if requested. The material and data was updated in response to Directive #6 and has since been used by many businesses and organizations both inside and outside of healthcare within the SE Region and throughout Ontario.

The COVID-19 vaccination education and policy templates are now available <u>here</u> for everyone to use.



"Excellent [virtual] presentation, interesting, informative engaging. So glad we used the Hub over the other options available for vaccination education. Grateful for their support and help!"

- Long term care home

Upcoming Sessions

- Outbreak Tabletop Exercise Date TBD
- 101 with Dr. Gerald Evans COVID-19 Vaccine Safety available here
- In-service Donning & Doffing PPE Practices virtual or on-site if requested

Previous Sessions

- **IPAC Education Session #2 What's in your Surveillance Program?** September 10, 2021. Video recording and presentation slides are available <u>here</u>.
- IPAC Education Session #1 Outbreak Management for Long Term Care & Retirement Homes - May 28, 2021. Presentation slides are available <u>here</u>.





Rapid Antigen Testing

Our IPAC Hub team was kept busy early in September supporting Kingston Health Sciences Centre with preparing rapid antigen testing kits in follow up to Directive #6 for hospitals.

The team worked to validate testing kits prior to assembling the kits for distribution to staff. The team also provided on-site support to distribute the kits during the designated pick up times and helped to answer questions from staff about the new rapid testing requirements, process and questions related to COVID-19 vaccination.

IPAC Education Session #2: What's in your Surveillance Program?

On September 10, 2021, our IPAC Hub team offered an Infection Prevention and Control Education Session about surveillance programs in long term care homes. This session focused on key components to an effective and robust surveillance system for both outcome and process surveillance.

Missed it? The video recording and the presentation slides are available <u>here.</u>

We are looking to offer more IPAC Education Sessions in the future. Please <u>contact us</u> if there are any topics that you would like to see at one of our future sessions. South East IPAC Hub & Spoke presents

What's in your surveillance program?

Click <u>here</u> to watch now!

Coming Soon! IPAC Basics for Non-Clinical Staff

Our IPAC Hub team has created a presentation that staff can watch regarding the IPAC Basics. This education will provide a wide range of topics including:

- Routine practices
- Risk Assessment
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
- Laundry
- Cleaning and disinfection
- and so much more ..

This presentation serves as a great training resource and can be used as a refresher for staff. It will be available in different formats including with audio so it can be used at your convenience.

Complement the presentation with on-site, in person training! Our IPAC Hub can assist by offering on-site sessions to assist with topics in this presentation, simply <u>contact us</u> today!

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Contact Information

Intake Request

To submit an intake request or urgent request for service, <u>click here</u>.

General Contact

Email us with any questions at <u>SEHubIntake@KingstonHSC.ca</u>.

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, <u>click here</u>.