# THE SPOKE



South East Region Infection Prevention and Control Hub Newsletter

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# Year in Review!

#### From Your SE IPAC Hub & Spoke Team

The IPAC HUB Program has been operational for one year, it has been a year filled with creativity and collaboration. This newsletter will highlight some of the work the IPAC Hub team has generated. A variety of educational resources have been developed, there have been several education sessions held and many on-site support visits have taken place.

The educational content that the IPAC Hub has created is highlighted in this Q4 newsletter and is available on our website.

#### **Our Current IPAC Hub Team Members**



Dana Finnegan-Yee, Manager



Lana King, Clinical IPAC Coordinator



Caitlin Prentice, Clinical IPAC Coordinator



Eric Hofstee, Clinical IPAC Coordinator—Casual

## **RESOURCES REVIEW:**

### **IPAC Tip Sheets**

Many different reference IPAC tip sheets are available on our website.

These are designed to be a quick summary that are available for reference. Topics include:

- AGMPs—In the Community
- Donning and Doffing—In the Community
- Electronic Device Use—All Settings
- No touch technologies for Surface Disinfection
- Choosing a Disinfectant; Cleaning and Disinfection
- Cleaning & Disinfecting Blood and Bodily Fluids

# Check out the quick and easy education videos!





IPAC.

BASICS

What is IPAC?



### **IPAC Educational Videos**

Our IPAC Hub team created short educational videos on the topics displayed in this newsletter. These videos are under 3 minutes and can be viewed at your convenience.







#### **IPAC Basics Education**





The IPAC Basics presentation is available on our website under <u>Training & Education Material</u>.

It is intended for non-clinical staff and covers a variety of topics.

There are two versions available: Power-Point only and PowerPoint with audio.



#### **On-site Visits and Outbreak support**

 On-site visits and outbreak support was provided to numerous facilities in HPE, KFLA and LGL throughout the year. The PHO checklist was used to provide IPAC education, recommendations and support.

	Public Santé Health Ontario Ontario
- 10	CHECKLIST
	COVID-19: Infection Prevention and Control Checklist for Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes
	5th Revision: November 2021
	When to use this checklist?
	This checklist helps guide individuals trained or working with those trained in infection prevention and control (IPAC) is conducting IPAC assessments related to COVID-19 in long-term care and retirement forms. If can be used their preparation without visit to provide advice on preparedness and management self-assessment and to guide policies, procedures, preparations and response planning ment howers of self-assessment and to guide policies, procedures, preparations and mesponse glanning.
	This checklist is to be used in addition to—and does not replace—the advice, guidelines, recommendations, directives, or other direction for provincial bifuriatives and local public health authorities. This checklist is a point-in-time assessment; ongoing re-evaluation is recommended as required. The checklist was informed by the documents lated under Equation.
	Please print and sign
	Owner/Administrator (or designate) (print name):
	Signature:
	Date
	Inspector/Assessor/Investigator Signature:

#### **Previously Held Education & Training Sessions**

- **IPAC Education Session #3 Simulation Exercises** November 26, 2021. *Video recording, presentation slides, and resources are available <u>here</u>.*
- **IPAC Education Session #2 What's in your Surveillance Program? -** September 10, 2021. Video recording and presentation slides are available <a href="here">here</a>.
- **IPAC Education Session #1 Outbreak Management for** Long Term Care & Retirement Homes *May 28, 2021. Presentation slides are available here.*

## **Community of Practice Update**

The IPAC Hub Team participates with the local Public Health Units in standing CoPs that are in place for LTCH & RH. These meetings continue to occur to support these types of settings.

New! Congregate settings in the LGL health unit area can now join the new CoP meetings that are currently taking place biweekly. These meetings are led by the LGL health unit and are an opportunity for congregate settings to collaborate and discuss different IPAC issues or concerns in a friendly forum where potential solutions can be considered.

If you need more information about these CoP meetings then please contact us.



# Community of Practice

A group of people with common interests, goals, and a forum to share experiences and learn from each other



#### **Contact Information**

#### **Intake Request**

To submit an intake request or urgent request for service, click here.

#### **General Contact**

Email us with any questions at <a href="mailto:SEHubIntake@KingstonHSC.ca">SEHubIntake@KingstonHSC.ca</a>.

#### **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.