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2022 Year in Review

Clients supported

Services delivered

Improved IPAC Practices







91

263



Year in Review!

The SE IPAC Hub has concluded a second year in operation, it has been a year filled with some change and a great deal of collaboration! This newsletter will highlight some of the work the SE IPAC Hub has completed as well as reflect on successes over the past 12 months. Some of the educational tools and resources the Hub has developed will be featured in this Q4 newsletter but as always everything can be found on our SE IPAC Hub website:

SE IPAC Hub and Spoke | KHSC Kingston Health Sciences Centre (kingstonhsc.ca)



SE IPAC HUB Staffing Update

The SE IPAC Hub Team has had many talented and knowledgeable staff members over the past two years. Our team would like to congratulate Caitlin Prentice on the arrival of her baby and wish her all the best. Congratulations are also in store for both Saul Akandwanaho and Jazmine Daigle on their new IPAC positions. They will all be greatly missed! Lana King, Sarah Van Dijk and Dana Finnegan-Yee will continue to support the facilities within LGL, KFLA and HPE regions. Please reach out to:

SEhubintake@Kingstonhsc.ca

Epi Update

 COVID-19 activity is still present in all regions, please check these updates on local epidemiology.

HPE Region. KFL&A Region. LGL Region.

Flu Watch Updates

• For updates on Influenza activity please see the following link:

Influenza Activity Levels Across Canada - Canada.ca







Upcoming Communities of Practice

LTCH & RH:

LGL - Feb 1st & 15th at 11:00 am - Zoom Link

KFLA - Feb 21st at 12:15 pm -

Microsoft Teams Link

XBB.1.5 Prep CoP - Feb 9 at 10:30 am -

Microsoft Teams Link



In Case you Missed It!

Hand hygiene program guide

The IPAC Hub is pleased to offer a guide to implementing best practices for hand hygiene. It includes:

- •A concise guide
- •A simple direct observation tool
- •A summary template to easily present your results

It is available on our website: Quick Reference Educational Resources
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Website Updates



The SE IPAC Hub has worked to update the website to make resources and tools easier to find!

Please visit it and reach out with any questions!

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IPAC
BASICS
What is IPAC?

Presentations, Videos, and many other resources are available and free for use!

Hub Highlights

Supportive Visits—The Hub team continues to provide onsite support and perform proactive visits to LTCH and RH in the LGL, KFLA & HPE areas. Support focus is on surveillance & auditing work, cleaning & disinfection guidance, and construction & renovation tips.

NEW! Educational Video—The Hub has a new quick educational video related to IPAC and construction. It is available on our website along with other IPAC videos, all of which are under 3 minutes and can be viewed at your convenience.

NEW! IPAC & Construction Guide—A quick reference to construction & renovation projects in LTCH. Helpful tips and checklists for use!



Quick Reference Educational Resources - Hub and Spoke | KHSC Kingston Health Sciences Centre (kingstonhsc.ca)

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 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.