# THE SPOKE



South East Region Infection Prevention and Control Hub Newsletter

Quarter III - December 2021

#### In this issue

- Happy Holidays
- IPAC Basics for Non-Clinical Settings
- IPAC Education Session #3: Simulation Exercises
- Build-Your-Own Table
  Top Exercise & Template
- Community of Practice
  Update
- PHO COVID-19 IPAC Checklist

## Happy Holidays! From Your SE IPAC Hub & Spoke Team



## **IPAC Basics for Non-Clinical Settings**

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
- Hand hygiene
- 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 is available in different formats including a PowerPoint with audio so it can be used at your convenience.

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

**Completed the presentation and looking for further training?** Our IPAC Hub can assist by offering on-site sessions to assist with topics in this presentation. Please feel free to <u>contact us.</u>



#### Click here to watch now!

#### **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 <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>.



## **IPAC Education Session #3: Simulation Exercises**

On November 26, 2021, our IPAC Hub team offered our 3<sup>rd</sup> virtual education session on simulation exercises. The education was provided to support long term care and retirement homes for the completion of the PHO Fall preparedness checklist outlining tabletop exercises as a preparedness item. The session provided an overview of the types of simulation exercises, how to perform them and outlined the various roles and responsibilities of participants involved. Participants were provided with a sample case scenario, take away resources and templates to support incorporating simulation exercises within their facility for preparedness planning. The link of the recorded education session, case scenarios resource and exercise templates continue to be available to you (Training and Education Material | KHSC Kingston Health Sciences Centre (kingstonhsc.ca)).



Click here to watch now!

## **Build-Your-Own Table Top Exercise & Template**

In follow-up to the IPAC Education #3: Simulation Exercises, our IPAC Hub team gathered case scenarios created by others to support homes through their own simulation exercises. There is also a PowerPoint template that works alongside the case scenarios that can help you develop your table top exercise presentation.

Example case scenarios are available on our website under <u>Training & Education Material</u>. If you require more support related to simulation exercises, please <u>contact us</u>.

## **Community of Practice Update**

Virtual meetings were routinely held with two groups— The Home and Community Care group and the Shelter group. Outreach will now be in the form of email request due to prioritization of time sensitive issues. If you need hub support, please <u>contact us.</u>



### Public Health Ontario COVID-19: IPAC Checklist

Our team has been visiting Long Term Care and Retirement Homes across our region to help with IPAC preparedness as we enter respiratory season. These visits have provided on-site support collaborating with leaders to complete the Public Health Ontario COVID-19: IPAC Checklist. Contact our team if this opportunity is of interest to discuss availability. Please note our team is currently prioritizing time sensitive requests during the fourth wave.

## **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>.