

## Introduction Newsletter - September 2024


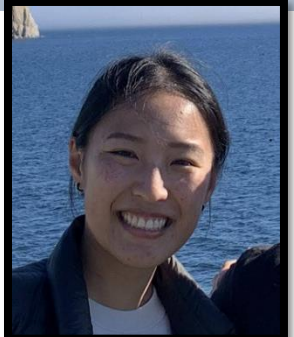




The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) and Peterborough Public Health (PPH) are excited to announce that we will be leading the Central East IPAC Hub as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The Central East IPAC Hub was previously led by Peterborough Regional Health Centre with support from HKPR, PPH and other regional hospitals. Provincially, the IPAC Hub program continues to evolve and as part of this our local hub is shifting to public health to support homes in our region.

The Central East IPAC Hub has a new team of IPAC Hub Leads who are excited to continue supporting our local Long Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes and other Congregate Living Settings (CLS) with building Infection Prevention and Control knowledge and practices.

We look forward to working with you to enhance IPAC in your home and ensure safe, healthy environments across our communities.

### Welcoming the New IPAC Hub Team!

<p><b>Kirstin Pitt</b></p>	<p><b>Ellen Wang</b></p>	<p><b>Kaitlin Braithwaite</b></p>	<p><b>Chantal Stevens</b></p>
<p>IPAC Hub Lead</p>	<p>IPAC Hub Lead</p>	<p>IPAC Hub Lead</p>	<p>IPAC Hub Lead</p>
<p>Supporting LTC, RH, and CLS in Port Hope, Cobourg, Brighton, Warkworth &amp; Campbellford</p>	<p>Supporting LTC, RH, and CLS in Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls &amp; Haliburton</p>	<p>Supporting LTC, RH, and CLS in Peterborough City and County (North/East regions)</p>	<p>Supporting LTC, RH, and CLS in Peterborough City and County (South/West regions)</p>
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### What to Expect Next

We have some exciting plans underway. Here's a glimpse of what you can expect in the coming months.

#### Getting to Know You

We will be reaching out to homes in the region to introduce you to your new IPAC Hub Lead and explore how we can support your infection prevention and control efforts. We also are available to attend your IPAC Committee and/or Professional Advisory Committee meetings as designates for HKPR and PPH.

#### Support to Meet Your Needs

We look forward to engagement with all homes to better understand your needs and how we can support you, and use this information to tailor our education sessions, resource development, and other support.

#### Stay Connected

Our new website will be launching soon, where you'll be able to subscribe for updates, access important resources, and stay informed about the latest news and services! In addition, stay tuned for future quarterly newsletters and invitation to participate in a Community of Practice.

#### Contact Information

**To report an outbreak in HKPR District:**

Email [outbreaks@hkpr.on.ca](mailto:outbreaks@hkpr.on.ca) OR call 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1232  
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm (excluding holidays).  
After hours at 1-888-255-7839.

**To report and outbreak in Peterborough Region:**

Complete the online reporting form [here](#) OR email [infectiousdiseases@peterboroughpublichealth.ca](mailto:infectiousdiseases@peterboroughpublichealth.ca) OR call 705-743-1000 ext. 511  
Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm (excluding holidays).  
After hours at 705-760-8127

**For IPAC support and general inquires, contact**

The Central East IPAC Hub to be connected with your region's IPAC Hub Lead (Note: Homes in both HKPR and PPH can contact us at this email address):  
[ipachub@peterboroughpublichealth.ca](mailto:ipachub@peterboroughpublichealth.ca)  
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

**For vaccine information in the HKPR District:**

Email [immunization@hkpr.on.ca](mailto:immunization@hkpr.on.ca) OR call 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1507  
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

**For vaccine information in the Peterborough Region:**

Call 705-743-1000 ext. 242  
Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30pm