

# HAPPY National Infection Control Week!

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PRESENTED BY: TBDHU IPAC HUB & INFECTIOUS DISEASES TEAMS



*National Infection Control Week is upon us!*

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone for your continued dedication in making Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) a priority within your facilities.

This week allows us to remind everyone about the importance of IPAC and celebrate each and every individual who has worked tirelessly to implement and maintain IPAC Best Practices within your settings. **Everyone** plays a role in infection control, which includes educating peers, correctly implementing infection control measures, and promoting these measures in your own work or environment.



In this IPAC newsletter, we'd like to spotlight how our TBDHU IPAC Hub and Infectious Diseases Team have been keeping busy in our communities and share newly developed resources.

## IPAC Canada

This year's theme "**Unmasking the Future**" pays tribute to the recovery from the pandemic and recognizes the efforts, learnings and experiences that we take with us going forward. Be sure to visit [IPAC Canada](#) to learn more about the efforts of our nation towards Infection Control and view the winning poster that helped gear this year's theme!



## WHATS HAPPENING?

# TBDHU IPAC Hub Update

It goes without saying that it has been a busy year for everyone. Here at our Hub, we've continued to dedicate ourselves to providing IPAC support, guidance and education to those within our congregate settings. We've encouraged and facilitated the establishment and upkeep of IPAC practices within these settings to ensure the safety of residents, staff and those around them.

### Highlighted below are a few activities our Hub accomplished over this past year:

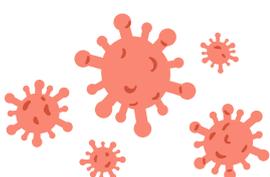
- Supported IPAC within each of our congregate living settings during respiratory outbreaks
- Completed 93 site-specific Respiratory Preparedness and Prevention visits
- Offered on-site/virtual setting-specific IPAC Training
- Recorded and posted online IPAC Training Modules: *Back-to-Basics* to ensure partners had equitable access to IPAC training
- Maintained continued collaboration with the TBDHU Infectious Diseases team to ensure continuity of IPAC support and guidance.

## What can we do?

It's everybody's job to keep ourselves healthy and the ones we love protected. Hand hygiene remains the #1 way to help prevent the spread of transmission of those infectious agents. Especially during this respiratory season!

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## Free Resources!

Our IPAC Hub has a variety of videos and tools to help understand the importance of hand hygiene and other IPAC measures. Visit our website at any time to access any of these resources!

# Outbreak Management Updates from our TBDHU Infectious Diseases Team!

**NEW!** Find all your outbreak resources in one place! [www.tbdhu.com/outbreaks](http://www.tbdhu.com/outbreaks)

Long Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, and other Congregate Settings have been hard at work preparing for this upcoming **Outbreak** season. This year, the TBDHU has compiled all the most up-to-date information & resources in **one easy to find location** on our website, where you will find:

- Quick Outbreak Reference Tables & Flowcharts
- Outbreak Control Measures Checklists
- Lab Information & Instructions
- Outbreak and Additional Precautions Signage
- Links to Vaccination & Antiviral resources
- The most up-to-date Ministry Guidance Documents
- District & Provincial Surveillance trends
- and more!



**RESPIRATORY ILLNESS DASHBOARD**



Up-to-date information about the status of COVID-19, Influenza, and Viral Respiratory Illness activity in the areas served by TBDHU.

## Connect with us!

**HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT INFECTION CONTROL?  
INTERESTED IN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES?**

Our team is always available for any questions you have or support. You can contact us at:

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[WWW.TBDHU.COM/IPACHUB](http://WWW.TBDHU.COM/IPACHUB)