

IPAC ROADBLOCKS: WHAT'S IN YOUR WAY?

#4 - Not Using Local Department of Health Resources

Your local Public Health Unit/Department of Health has been tasked, under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, to provide "fundamental public health programs and services" to the public. In particular, the Public Health Standards that relate to infection prevention and control are:



1. [Infectious Diseases Program Standards](#), including:
 - a. Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control
 2. Rabies Prevention and Control
 - c. Sexual Health, Sexually Transmitted Infections, and Blood-borne Infections
 - d. Tuberculosis Prevention and Control
1. [Vaccine Preventable Diseases](#)
2. [Environmental Health Program Standards](#), including:
 - a. Food Safety
 2. Safe Water
 - c. Health Hazard Prevention and Management
3. [Emergency Preparedness Program Standards](#), including:
 - a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Be sure you are dialled in to contacts at your local Public Health Unit. These experts are at your finger tips and can help you with any number of issues/projects you are tackling such as promoting immunization, managing outbreaks, reviewing your facility's food safety practices, and handling your day-to-day IPAC inquiries. These individuals have a sound understanding of your community's overall health status and can provide insight into what communicable diseases are issues for the clients accessing your services. Considering calling Public Health today!