

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

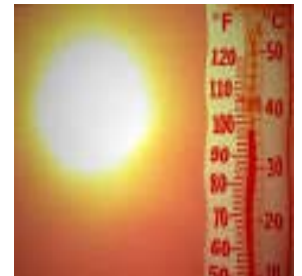
An Introduction to our Services in the Community

Board of Health Orientation Session

October 31, 2016

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPT.

- Inspection
- Health Hazards
- Emergency Management and Response
- Tobacco-Free Living (smoke-free)
- Health Promotion
- Risk Assessment



# OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM

- Conduct inspections of food premises
  - Risk-based approach utilizing the MOHLTC risk categorization tool: high, moderate and low risk
- Enforcement of Legislation
  - Food Premises Regulation (Ontario Regulation 562)
  - In 2015, 34 Provincial Offences Notices issued and 5 closures
- Support CFIA and OMAFRA when directed by the MOHLTC in food recalls
- Food Safety Education – food handler training program
- Inspection Disclosure
  - [www.inspectionconnection.ca](http://www.inspectionconnection.ca)

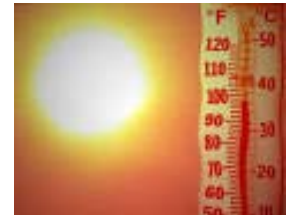


# SAFE WATER PROGRAM



- Conduct inspections and assessments of small drinking water systems
- Adverse Water Quality Incidents
  - Investigation and response, 24 hours, 7 days per week
- Private Residential Wells
  - Facilitate testing
  - Interpretation of results and recommendations for maintenance and remediation as warranted
- **Conduct inspections of public recreational water facilities**
  - 377 recreational water facilities (pools, spas, wading pools, splash pads)
  - Public beaches
  - Recreational camp waterfront areas
  - Mandate is minimum of 4 inspections per year for year round facilities

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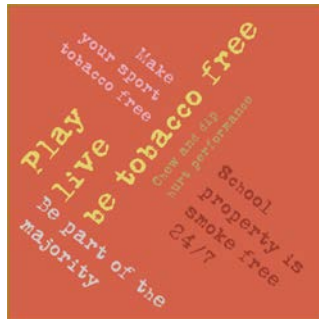
# RABIES CONTROL

- Rabies Prevention and Control
  - Animal quarantine and release
- Public education
- Wildlife control
  - Ministry of Natural Resources
- MOHLTC Specimen Collection & Testing
  - New animal submission process
- Racoon rabies
  - Hamilton
  - Ministry of Natural Resources



# TOBACCO-FREE LIVING PROGRAM

- Preventing youth and young adults from using tobacco
- Protecting people from exposure to second hand smoke
- Supporting people to quit using tobacco
- Enforcing the Smoke Free Ontario Act and Electronic Cigarette Act





# CENTRAL EAST TOBACCO CONTROL AREA NETWORK (TCAN)

- SMDHU is the lead health unit for one of seven regional structures to support the work related to tobacco use
- TCAN managed by a regional coordinator and a youth development specialist
- The TCAN staff work closely with the 6 other health units within the Central East region to facilitate coordinated regional programming
- TCAN contributes to provincial planning in tobacco

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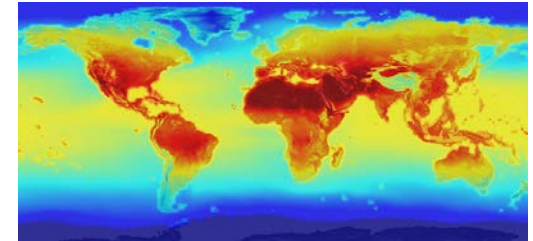




# HEALTH HAZARDS PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT



- Investigate incidents using risk assessment to determine impact to the public
  - Chemical spills, environmental contaminants
  - Environmental contaminations and remediation
  - Indoor air quality and mould
- Respond to Complaints and Initiate Investigations, public presentations
- Complete Inspections
  - Ice arenas, Season farm worker's housing, Group homes, other facilities
- West Nile Virus (OR 199/03), EEE & Lyme Disease:
  - Surveillance (active, i.e., trapping & passive), Education & Awareness, Mosquito Control, Partnerships with Municipalities
- Climate change (adaptation and mitigation activities), built environment





THANK YOU!