

## KEY RESOURCE LIST

### Public Health in Ontario

- **Updated: Board of Health E-Learning Module (eHealth)**  
<https://www.ehealthontario.ca/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=2795&PageID=0&cached=true&mode=2&userID=11862>  
This online module includes comprehensive information on boards of health members' roles and responsibilities with respect to the governance and oversight of public health units and the delivery of mandatory public health programs and services in Ontario.
- **Health Protection and Promotion Act**  
[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph\\_standards/intro.aspx#Leg](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph_standards/intro.aspx#Leg)  
The purpose of this Act is to provide for the organization and delivery of public health programs and services, the prevention of the spread of disease and the promotion and protection of the health of the people of Ontario.
- **Ontario Public Health Standards**  
[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph\\_standards/default.aspx](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph_standards/default.aspx)  
The Ontario Public Health Standards and Protocols establish the minimum requirements for fundamental public health programs and services to be delivered by Ontario's 36 boards of health, which include assessment and surveillance, health promotion and policy development, disease and injury prevention, and health protection.
- **Organizational Standards**  
[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/orgstandards/docs/org\\_stds.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/orgstandards/docs/org_stds.pdf)  
The Organizational Standards communicate the government's expectations for governance and administrative practices that are based on generally accepted principles of good governance and management excellence.
- **a1PHa Municipal Representative Info Flyer**  
[http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Libraries/HU\\_AboutUs/a1PHa\\_Municipal\\_Representative\\_Info\\_Flyer.sflb.ashx](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Libraries/HU_AboutUs/a1PHa_Municipal_Representative_Info_Flyer.sflb.ashx)  
Local governments have a unique role in shaping the local conditions that have an impact on the health of individuals and communities.
- **Public Health: A Return on Investment (Video)** [http://youtu.be/TVZxtuZhN\\_M](http://youtu.be/TVZxtuZhN_M)

### An Introduction to SMDHU

- Mission, Vision, Values <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/HealthUnit/About.aspx>
- [Strategic Plan 2012-2016](#) (included in package)
- Board of Health – Bylaws <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/HealthUnit/BoardOfHealth/BoardBylaws.aspx>
- Board of Health Operations – Policies and Procedures  
<http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/HealthUnit/BoardOfHealth/BoardOperations.aspx>
- [Organizational Chart](#) (included in package)
- [Annual Report – 2013/2014](#) (included in package)
- [Financial Statements – 2013](#) (included in package)

## Strategic Directions

- **Determinants of Health** <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/JFY/OurCommunity/DOH.aspx>  
People often think of health as only having access to health professionals and medical care. But being healthy is about more than visiting a doctor or a hospital. Health starts with where we live, learn, work and play.
  - [Let's Start a Conversation](http://youtu.be/iaFtDRsdUHQ) <http://youtu.be/iaFtDRsdUHQ> -or- <http://youtu.be/kzzxJhvdrl0>
  - A Health Equity Framework  
[http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Libraries/JFY\\_Communities/SDOHFoundationalDocument\\_-\\_FINAL\\_2.sflb.ashx](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Libraries/JFY_Communities/SDOHFoundationalDocument_-_FINAL_2.sflb.ashx)
- **Important Public Health Issues**  
Municipal politicians have an important role to play in supporting improved health in Simcoe Muskoka. See the [Municipal Primer](#) (included in package) for more detail.
- **Organizational Capacity**  
The health unit, along with one regional health authority and two other Ontario health units, is piloting a core competency framework over the next 16 months. The framework and 20 competencies (5 professional, 15 organizational) have been integrated into an electronic performance management system. This pilot is led by the Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Health Unit and funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada.
- **Accountability and Performance Management**  
Accountability Agreements between boards of health and the government were introduced in 2011. They provide a framework for setting specific performance expectations, and establish new data reporting requirements to support monitoring these performance expectations.
  - Performance Management Framework  
<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/performance/>

## Current Issues

- **Baby Friendly Initiative**  
<http://www.smdhu.org/Topics/Breastfeeding/BabyFriendlyInitiative/BabyFriendlyInitiativeAtSMDHU.aspx>  
The Baby Friendly Initiative is a global program created by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund in response to low rates of breastfeeding and infant mortality. This program encourages and recognizes facilities that offer an optimal level of care for mothers and infants.
- **Food Establishment Inspection Report Disclosure**  
<http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/JFY/Businesses/foodoperators/inspectionconnection.aspx>  
Inspection Connection is designed to provide the public with information about inspections of food establishments located in Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka, both at the food establishment and online at <http://www.inspectionconnection.ca>.

## More Resources

- **Health Stats** <http://www.simcoemuskokahealthstats.org/>
- **Archived Board Notes** <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/JFY/Newsroom/BoardBulletins.aspx>