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Updated Public Health Resources for Health Care Professionals

Attention: Physicians, Hospitals, CNE, ER Manager, ER Physician, Infection Control Practitioners, Occupational Health Professionals, Community Health Centers, Walk-In Urgent Care Clinic, Nurse Practitioner, Ontario Health, Ontario Health Teams, Midwives, Family Health Team, Indigenous Healthcare & Community, Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Neighbouring Health Units, Paramedic Services, Corrections, Municipalities, Ontario Health Central

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The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is pleased to announce the launch of the newly redesigned [Health Professional Resources](#) section of our website. Featuring a refreshed look, improved navigation, and updated content, this enhanced section provides easier access to a select list of local, provincial and national tools, guidelines, and resources to support your practice.

Health care providers can regularly visit this section to find up-to-date guidance on hot topics in [Immunization and Vaccines](#) (e.g. new vaccines and changing immunization schedules), [Infectious Diseases](#) (e.g. diagnosis and public health recommendations for measles, invasive group A strep, MPOX, and other Diseases of Public Health Significance), and [Sexual Health](#) (e.g. Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) guidelines, patient resources, and reporting and ordering forms). In addition, the section offers a wide range of clinical resources, patient resources, and listings of programs and services for other key public health topics, including:

- [Chronic Disease Prevention](#) – Food and nutrition, and physical activity
- [Environmental Health Hazards](#) – Air quality, extreme weather, climate change, environmental contaminants, food safety, and safe water
- [Injury Prevention](#) – Falls prevention and concussion
- [Infection Prevention and Control](#) (IPAC) – guidance in office and community care
- [Mental Health](#) – Self-injury and suicide awareness/life promotion
- [Oral Health](#) – Publicly-funded dental care programs
- [Outbreaks](#) – Outbreak guidance and forms, and a listing of current outbreaks
- [Parent and Child Health](#) – Preconception, pregnancy, postpartum, breastfeeding, early childhood health, parenting, and the Healthy Babies Healthy Children home-visiting program
- [Social Prescribing](#) – Connecting patients with non-medical community resources
- [Substance Use](#) – Alcohol, cannabis, opioids and other unregulated drugs, and smoking and vaping
- [HealthSTATS](#) – Local health status and demographic data

Thank you to the many health care professionals across our region who contributed valuable feedback to help improve this resource. Please reach out through our website www.simcoemuskokahealth.org with any further comments or questions you have.

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