

### Community Engagement

#### **Schools**

- ♦ Liaised with school board partners to ensure smooth transition to in-person learning in September 2021 and provided support for COVID-19 response including school-based COVID-19 immunization throughout the school year.



#### **Municipalities**

- ♦ Provided support for development of community safety and well-being plans in Quinte West and Prince Edward County.
- ♦ Liaised with municipalities, and other community partners including, Hastings Quinte Paramedic Services, local police services, and by-law enforcement related to COVID-19 response throughout the course of the pandemic.

### Population Health Assessment and Surveillance

#### **Improve data access, organization, management and storage**

- ♦ Completed standard procedures and schedules for data collection and organization for numerous topic areas. Data collection, cleaning and analysis schedules for local opioid surveillance and mental health reporting are currently in development.
- ♦ Continuing data migration into the organizational data warehouse. Application of the internal framework for evaluating and improving the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH) COVID-19 emergency response system is ongoing. Evaluation of enforcement activities, assessment of partnerships with municipal decision makers, and evaluation of the Healthy Schools Program related to COVID-19 are complete. Surveying primary care practitioners regarding COVID-19 vaccine administration is underway using the planning cycle toolkit to improve on both efficiency and effectiveness in program delivery.
- ♦ Development of an organizational data source inventory is underway to reduce barriers associated with accessing and leveraging data for program planning and delivery.



#### **Incorporate a health equity approach in the collection and analysis of data**

- ♦ Implemented collection of sociodemographic data from COVID-19 vaccine recipients to facilitate health equity action as a foundational component of the vaccination strategy. Preliminary data analysis from Fall 2021 confirmed that targeted vaccination efforts to reach priority populations, including people experiencing homelessness, people living with serious mental illnesses, temporary foreign workers, and people living on a low income were effective. This affirmed our early action to support an equity approach to COVID-19 immunizations.
- ♦ Organizational guidelines for identifying priority populations with population health assessment and surveillance data is underway for consistent use of health equity data.

#### **Focus on assessing, interpreting and using data products**

- ♦ Development, application, and continual revision of surveillance of COVID-19. Created three (3) COVID-19 dashboards based on sensitivity of data and audience.

#### **Enhance population health assessment and surveillance knowledge exchange.**

- ♦ Continued participation in Community Data Consortium with key community partners.

- ♦ Public dashboards for diseases of public health significance and COVID-19 continue to be updated regularly with high-quality data.
- ♦ Began work with community partners to share opioid-related data and collaboratively develop an Opioid Monitoring Dashboard.
- ♦ Development of an information products catalogue is in progress to list existing and planned data products including a description, audience, vehicle of delivery, frequency of updates and relevant privacy information.

## Program Standards

- Public health operational plans were refreshed for 2022 based on staffing capacity and with a focus on priority areas for recovery, catch up and ensuring capacity to meet essential programs and services.



### Schools

- ♦ Created permanent public health nurse positions for school health to provide stability for program area.
- ♦ Launched public health clinics in Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board secondary schools with emphasis on vaping cessation.
- ♦ Updated Mental Health and Substance Use procedure in school clinics to include universal screening for substance use.
- ♦ Developed and promoted video resource to support parent engagement in child transition to kindergarten with a focus on child mental health in partnership with school boards and KFL&A Public Health.

### Health Equity and Quality Assurance

- ♦ The Planning Cycle supports a health equity approach in operational planning. Use of the Planning Cycle also ensures quality assurance within programs and services.
- ♦ Continued collaboration with external partners to support health equity among priority populations in our community through organizations such as Bridge Street United Church and through municipal community safety and well-being plans.

### Policy Advocacy Framework

- ♦ Developed and promoted inaugural municipal election primer for HPE with focus on priority topics of mental health, opioids, alcohol and poverty.

### Healthy Environments

- ♦ Virtual rabies investigations, isolations and releases implemented resulting in efficiencies in financial savings, decreased safety concerns, increased client satisfaction, and use of staff time.
- ♦ Continuation of phone support for smoking cessation clinics.

### Clinical Services

- ♦ Review and reorientation of Sexual Health programs and services.
- ♦ Ongoing COVID -19 response with dedicated CCM manager extended until December 2023.
- ♦ Finalized the Immunization Manager as a permanent position and recruited a dedicated Oral Health Manager.

## Health Promotion

- Finalized indicators for health protection standards review to assist with prioritization.
- Held joint operational planning workshops with Healthy Families and Healthy Communities for 2022 and 2023 operational plan development.

