

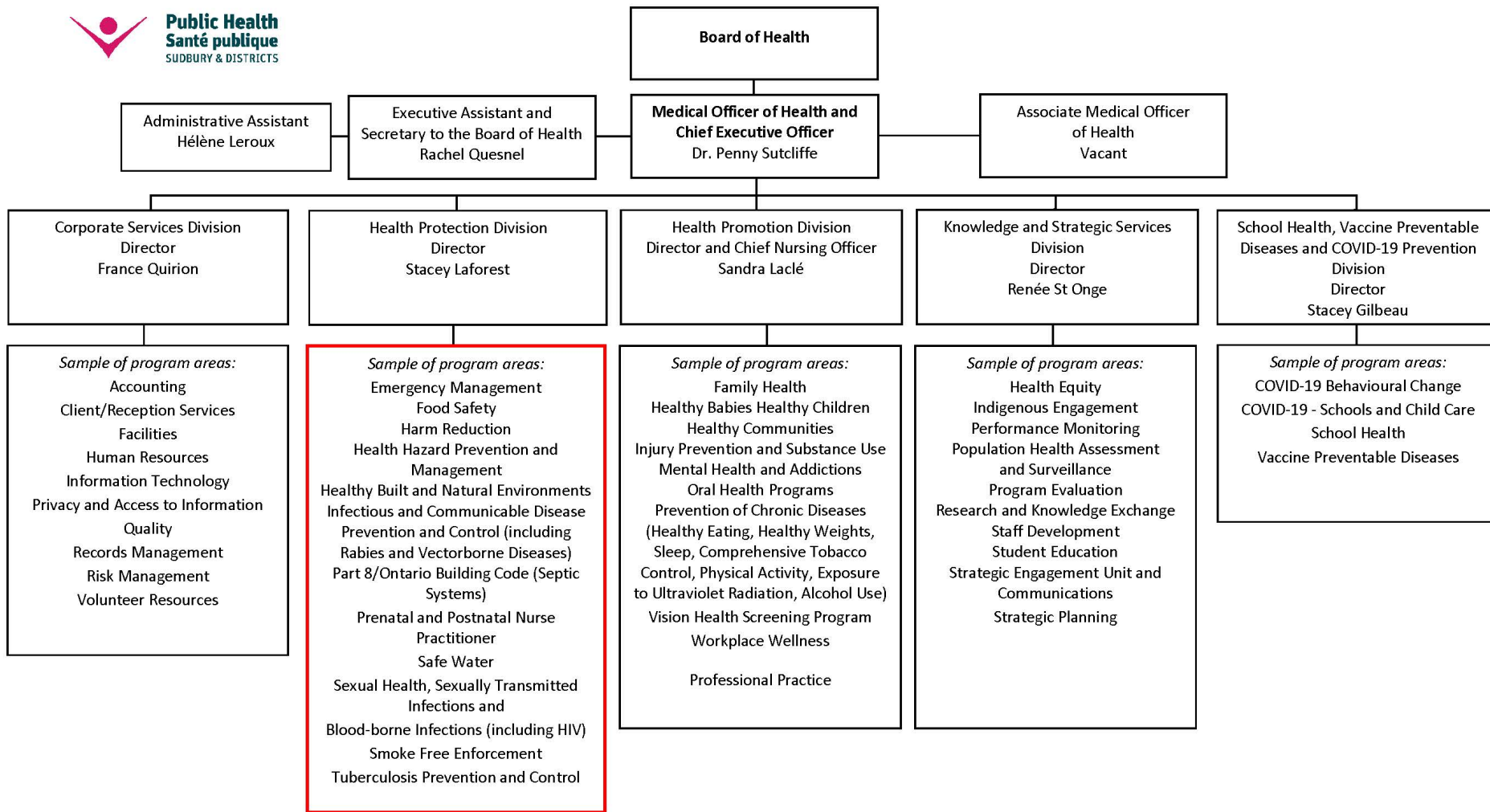
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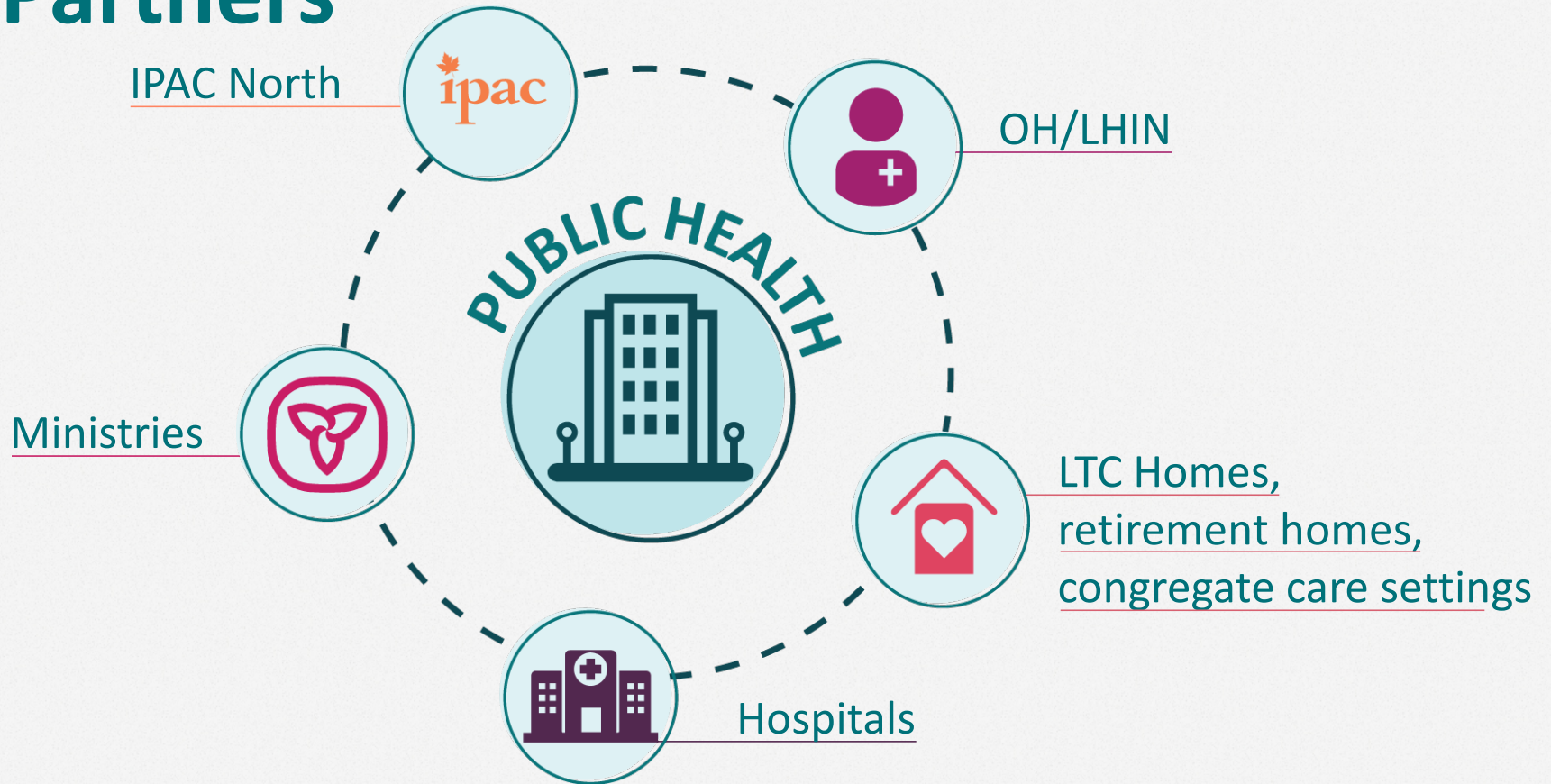
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# Infection Prevention and Control

- Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) refers to evidence-based practices and procedures that, when applied consistently, can prevent or reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms.
- The Ontario Public Health Standards outlines requirements for Boards of Health to conduct surveillance, inspection, investigations education, enforcement and reporting with respect to IPAC in settings.

# Northern Ontario IPAC Hub - Partners





# Strategy

IPAC HUBS: Networks of IPAC expertise will:

- decrease number of COVID-19 cases and deaths
- increase quality of life for staff, residents, and families
- improve IPAC preparedness with a prevention goal

# IPAC Hub accountabilities

- Identify and monitor IPAC training and practice needs of congregate living settings in our catchment area.
- Strengthen current partnerships and broker new ones.
- Support a network of IPAC service providers and experts.
- Align local resources to meet IPAC needs within congregate setting for prevention and response.

# Reporting our accomplishments

Setting (as of June 4)	Site visits
Long-term care	9
Retirement home	7
Assisted living	4
Supportive housing	7
Shelters	6
Adult developmental / Intervenor services congregate residential programs	40
Children's residences	1
Youth Justice facilities and open and secure custody setting	2
Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy residential programs	2
Isolation sites	2
Addiction Recovery residential services	8
ALC/CCC hospital	1
Warming shelters	2
Cooling centres	1



# Infection prevention and control

“Infection prevention and control is essential to combating an infectious disease. Failures to standardize and prioritize IPAC best practices in long-term care left many homes unprepared to effectively combat COVID-19, with devastating results.

As repeatedly discussed in this report, effective IPAC practices require focused attention and resources at all times.”

[Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission - Final Report \(ltccommission-commissionsld.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/govt/ontario-long-term-care-covid-19-commission-final-report)

# The future

- Complete assessments and audits for all congregate living settings.
- Develop education plans.
- Enhance the agency website.
- Re-visit congregate living settings.



# In closing

Infection prevention and control is essential to combatting infectious diseases.



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