COVID-19 Response by the Numbers and Recovery Progress

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Remaining Transparent and Accountable

Background

2022

Public Health Sudbury & Districts (Public Health) has been focused on responding to the COVID.19 pandemic since the beginning of 2020. As a result of this intense effort, established programs and services were adapted, and many were reduced or paused all together throughout 2020 and 2021.

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& Recovery Progress Report

2022 marked the beginning of Public Health's journey toward recovery and resumption of some programs and services. During this time, the pandemic continued to demand leadership and resources from the public health sector, and Public Health Sudbury & Districts looked to concentrate efforts on the impacts of the pandemic on local communities and on its own workforce. As such, the agency directed resources to assess and address ongoing and emerging health needs that require public health intervention.

As a result, in March 2022 Public Health launched <u>Public Health Sudbury & Districts</u> and the COVID-19 pandemic. From risk to recovery and resilience plan. The risk, recovery, and resilience plan focuses on public health priorities that emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic—with an overall goal to resume the full scope of public health programs and services in the future.

This COVID-19 Response by the Numbers and Recovery Progress Report highlights achievements of our ongoing COVID-19 response as well as accomplishments from our continued recovery efforts.

How this report is organized

The **first section** of this report focuses on the COVID-19 response. Data and explanatory notes are presented in table format for indicators in the following categories: overall COVID-19 program supports; case, contact, and outbreak management; COVID-19 vaccine program; and health and human resource capacity and financial impact.

The second section of this report presents the progress on recovery planning. This section presents an update on Public Health's four overarching community-focused priorities – getting-children back on track; levelling up opportunities for health; fostering mental health gains; and supporting safe spaces–along with one operational priority–people and processes–which identifies work required to support staff to deliver on our overall programs and services. Within each priority area, Public Health's key initiatives are highlighted and a summary on progress to date is provided.

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- Responsibility to demonstrate accountability to the Ministry and our community members.
- Pandemic required a shift in public health efforts and resources.
- Ongoing and emerging health needs require public health intervention.
- Reporting aligned with leading practices for responding to misinformation.







2022 COVID-19 by the numbers

Overall COVID-19 program supports

- 68 185 calls processed by the vaccination booking line and call centres (City of Greater Sudbury and Public Health Sudbury & Districts).
- 84 public service announcements and news releases issued.

- 23 Advisory Alerts issued to local health system partners and primary care providers.
- 220 media requests and responses.
- 14 debrief sessions with community partners and 16 with staff.



Case, contact, and outbreak management

- 15 343 confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- 187 COVID-19-related deaths.





COVID-19 vaccine program

- 132 811 total doses administered
- 78 943 doses administered in Public Health-led clinics.
- 1 090 total Public Health-led vaccination events.





Health and human resource capacity and financial impact

- \$14 369 689 projected costs of COVID-19-related expenditures.
- 255 positions budgeted for in 2022 and 245 staff over baseline complement.
- 39 students and 33 volunteers supported response activities.







Recovery update: September – December 2022

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Public Health's Four Recovery Priorities



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Getting children back on track



Oral Health Program

- 16 183 dental screenings completed.
- 172 children reassessed.

Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program

- Completed the data entry of backlogged records
- 48 school vaccination clinics hosted for overdue Grade 7 and 8 students.

School Health

- Delivered substance use workshops to educators.
- Delivered presentations to secondary school students on risky behaviours and substance use.

Family Health

- 483 appointments provided in the breastfeeding clinic (virtual and in-person).
- 50 parents registered for in-person Triple P services and 12 parents received codes to complete Triple online.



Health and Racial Equity

- Engaged with Black community organizations, associations, informal networks, and groups to identify a role for support.
- Hosted a community launch event to showcase 13 digital stories from the 2SLGBTQ+ community health study report.
- Worked with CGS to secure temporary shelter for precariously housed individuals who were exposed to Monkeypox or COVID-19 to help prevent the spread.

Levelling up opportunities for health

Municipal and Indigenous Leadership Engagement

- Developed a public health orientation for municipal partners.
- Gathered input from community and Indigenous agency leadership to support community voices.



Foster mental health gains



Community Engagement

- Allocated needle kiosk bins and harm reduction supplies to Indigenous communities.
- Continued to support the work of the Suicide Safer Network, Honouring Voices Initiative, and Indigenous engagement.
- Drafted internal mental health literacy and stigma and harm reduction principles training plans.

staff on character strengths, brain

architecture, and mental health resources.

Conducted presentations for school

Partner Engagement

- Continued co-leading the development of a Youth Wellness Hub for CGS youth aged 12 to 25 years in collaboration with Compass.
- Co-chaired the Mental Health Promotion in Public Health Community of Practice (through CAMH).



Harm Reduction

- Co-led the CGS Community Drug Strategy and Supervised Consumption Site Steering Committees.
- Engaged with community partners to address the intensity of need for harm reduction supplies and expansion of the needle exchange program.
- Issued a "Plan Ahead-Safe Ride Home" radio campaign.

Fixed Premises Inspections

- 77% of food premises.
- 94.5% personal service settings.
- 98% of licensed childcare settings.

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Sexual Health

- Resumed district office sexual health services.
- Addressed STI backlog follow-ups.
- Provided telephone consults to health care providers about BBIs.



- Returned to work at the Paris Street location in September 2022.
- Developed and updated workplace policies.
- Hosted staff training outlining responsibilities as per the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- Offered 6 workshops and 6 reflective circles to staff focused on self-care and building resilience during difficult and unpredictable times.







By prioritizing recovery activities and reducing the growing backlog of services and unmet needs, **Public Health Sudbury & Districts is an active partner in the local recovery endeavour**—creating and contributing to post-pandemic strong and resilient communities.



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