

**Appendix I - Current and Anticipated Public Health Priorities and Pressures**

**1) Current public health priorities**

Focus Area	Description
COVID-19 Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Case and contact management</b> to connect with all individuals who are positive for COVID-19 or had close contact with a positive case within 24 hours of being identified.</li> <li>• <b>Outbreak investigation</b> and <b>exposure assessment</b> to identify where someone acquired COVID-19, control outbreaks and stop spread.</li> <li>• <b>Surveillance</b> and <b>data collection</b> to track and report on cases and provide credible information.</li> <li>• <b>Policy analysis</b> to interpret provincial guidance, inform local public health measures and provide leadership and advice to local partners, government and community groups.</li> <li>• Knowledge <b>mobilization, education</b> and <b>outreach</b> supporting an online knowledgebase portal, health professional updates, resources and community engagement.</li> <li>• Source of <b>timely and accurate</b> local COVID-19 information</li> <li>• <b>Enforcement</b> of public health measures in the community.</li> </ul>
COVID-19 Vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of vaccination across system (ROP clinics, primary care, pharmacies, hospitals).</li> <li>• Targeted approaches (i.e., mobile channels) to reach unvaccinated populations including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Last mile” approach with a goal of fully vaccinating 90% of eligible Peel residents.</li> <li>○ Pediatric population (under 12 years of age)</li> <li>○ Dose 3 administration to eligible population groups.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Critical Public Health Programs and Services	<p>Only 20% of PH programs are operational and most at significantly reduced capacity. These include:</p> <p><u>Infectious Disease Prevention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response to <b>health hazards</b> (animal bites) and <b>food borne illnesses</b>.</li> <li>• Safe water and childcare centres <b>inspections</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Vector-borne</b> disease prevention.</li> <li>• <b>Immunization services</b> in some areas (e.g., fridge inspections, vaccine delivery). School enrollment uploads will occur in the fall. Limited school record transfers, parent and physician inquiries related to immunization records are being managed.</li> <li>• <b>School supports</b> for infection prevention.</li> <li>• Management of <b>reportable infections</b> limited to only the most urgent diseases fulfilling minimum requirements.</li> <li>• Management of non-COVID <b>long-term care home and retirement outbreaks</b>.</li> <li>• Face-to-face visits for priority <b>Tuberculosis</b> clients.</li> <li>• Limited <b>sexual health</b> services at Fairview clinic. The clinic can be reached at 905-270-0587.</li> <li>• Mobile outreach and <b>harm reduction</b> services. Drop-in services available at Nelson St. Monday to Friday from 1pm to 6pm. The</li> </ul>

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and the Ongoing COVID-19 Response**

	<p>mobile unit can be reached at 647-225-1623.</p> <p><u>Early Growth and Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Healthy Babies, Healthy Children</b> program assessments by telephone.</li> <li>• <b>Pregnancy and parenting support</b> through email, Facebook, direct messaging, and telephone.</li> <li>• Telephone-based <b>infant feeding assessments</b>, nursing support, health education, and referrals.</li> <li>• InJoy, an online <b>childbirth and parenting education program</b>.</li> </ul> <p><u>Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response to <b>health hazards</b> related to contaminated sites.</li> <li>• Referral of eligible community members to <b>Healthy Smiles Ontario</b> (HSO) providers.</li> <li>• Emergency dental treatment for seniors eligible or enrolled in <b>Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program</b> (OSDCP). For more information about the OSDCP call 416-916-0204 or toll-free 1-833-207-4435.</li> <li>• Response to <b>Smoke-Free Ontario Act</b> and <b>waterpipe</b> by-law complaints.</li> <li>• Health input into land-use and transportation planning and policies (e.g., <b>Vision Zero</b>).</li> </ul> <p><b>For more information on Region of Peel services affected by COVID-19 please visit:</b> <a href="https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/affected-services.asp">https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/affected-services.asp</a>.</p>
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**2) Recovery and reopening priorities and pressures**

Priorities/pressures	Description
Maintaining level COVID-19 response and vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued case, contact and outbreak management.</li> <li>• Continued surveillance and data collection to track and report on cases and inform response and vaccination approach.</li> <li>• Continued enforcement of public health measures in the community</li> <li>• Continued collaboration with community partners and stakeholders.</li> <li>• Public Health to support ongoing vaccination efforts:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vaccinating pediatric population (under 12 years of age).</li> <li>○ Third dose vaccination for eligible population groups.</li> <li>○ Embedding COVID-19 case, contact and outbreak management and surveillance and COVID-19 vaccination within regular public health function.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Restarting programs and services and addressing service backlogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To balance the pandemic response, Peel Public Health has paused or severely scaled back many of the functions related to advancing the strategic priorities outlined in the <i>2020 - 2029 Strategic Priorities for the Future</i> document.</li> <li>• As pressures to manage the pandemic decrease, Peel Public Health plans to restart programs and services with consideration of the strategic priorities and needs of the community.</li> <li>• Strategic priorities include 1) enabling active living and healthy eating; 2) promoting mental wellbeing; 3) reducing health-related impacts of climate change; 4) advancing health equity, 5) practicing effective public</li> </ul>

	<p>health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate program/service priorities include:</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Infectious Disease Prevention</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-COVID immunization catch up and resumption of grade-7 vaccine program.</li> <li>• Resumption of non-covid case and contact management for all diseases of PH importance to pre-pandemic expectations.</li> <li>• Re-open all clinic services.</li> <li>• Public Health inspections: resumption of regular compliance inspections of food premises, childcare centres and personal services settings; <i>Smoke-Free Ontario Act</i> inspections including youth access inspections at tobacco and e-cigarette retailers; enforcement of the Peel Waterpipe Smoking By-law; food handler training courses and development of home-based food safety policies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Harm Reduction services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create enhanced partnerships with community agencies for naloxone and fixed site - harm reduction supplies to address current gaps in harm reduction services in Peel.</li> <li>• Complete a program review to address gaps in service that meet the current landscape of drug use in Peel.</li> <li>• Increase capacity for Harm Reduction strategic policy work to: complete the work under the four pillars of the Peel Opioid Strategy; align with Regional level 2 plans to advance common goals and coordinate efforts across sectors that address the full scope of the social determinants of health; create a broader sharps disposal plan, as well as provincial and federal-level advocacy.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Early Growth and Development</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resumption of Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program (HBHC) to Peel's high needs families. Reinstate blended Public Health Nurse - Family Visitor client visits virtually by telephone. Develop and implement Videoconferencing Project.</li> <li>• Complement HBHC resumption with Pregnancy and Parenting (Telephone Nursing Support, Facebook, Email &amp; Direct Messaging) and Telephone based Infant Feeding Assessments (Nursing support, Health Education &amp; Referrals).</li> <li>• Update 'InJoy' Prenatal e-Learning Program with current evidence based content and local Childbirth and Parenting Community Resources.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Chronic Disease Prevention</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Oral Health Program:</b> Catch up and resumption of school screening program to identify children with urgent dental conditions requiring professional treatment.</li> <li>• Resumption of oral health preventive services (e.g., cleaning, topical fluoride, dental sealants) for children.</li> <li>• Increase capacity for routine oral health services for eligible Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program clients to address current backlog of nearly 5000 people. This will require an increase in operational and capital funding.</li> </ul>
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