

Communicable Diseases Update

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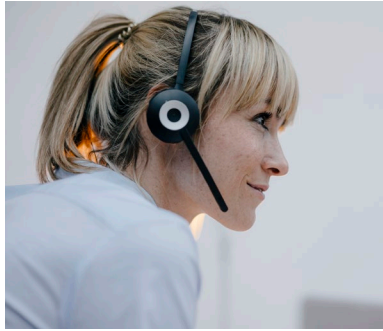




Current Context

- Constantly evolving **disease activity**
- Growing number **of urgent responses**
- Increasingly **complex investigations**
- A new **disease of public health significance**

Public Health Mandate



Case and contact management of over 70 Diseases of Public Health Significance



24/7 on-call coverage to communicable disease cases and outbreaks



Prevention and management of respiratory and gastroenteric outbreaks

Use of Council Approved Resources

Sexually Transmitted & Bloodborne Infection Program

- Expanded clinic hours and walk-in services
- 31% increase in clinic clients

Tuberculosis Program

- 19% increase in DOT delivery
- 200% increase in home visits for medication observation

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Efforts to Increase Efficiency

Urgent Response Preparedness

- Developed *Measles 101* training
- Trained staff for future urgent response secondments



STBBI Program Redesign

- Faster lab slip processing, case initiation and closure
- Fostering partnerships to expand access to services



TB Program Improvements

- Streamlining data entry and client follow-up



2025 Risks

Increasing complexity of communicable diseases

Urgent responses are resource intensive

Provincial underfunding

Stable permanent staffing is key to respond to emergencies



Thank you

