

EDUCATION RESOURCES**[COVID-19 IPAC fundamentals training](#)**

Public Health Ontario's (PHO) training is tailored to four specific roles: clinical staff; non-clinical staff; family/visitors/ other caregivers and inspectors.

[Infection Prevention and Control \(IPAC\) – Online learning](#)

PHO's online learning can be accessed by creating an account. Courses in IPAC core competencies include modules for personal risk assessment in long-term care (LTC) and new IPAC risk assessment modules.

[AT A GLANCE Prevention and Management of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes](#)

PHO's document provides a compilation of important resources and information, organized in four sections: prevent COVID-19 from entering your home; identify infections in residents and staff early; prevent spread of COVID-19 within the home; and de-escalation of the outbreak.

[COVID-19: Infection Prevention and Control Checklist for Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes](#)

PHO's checklist helps guide individuals in conducting IPAC assessments related to COVID-19 in LTC and retirement homes. It helps assess, guide, plan for preparedness and management of COVID-19. It can also be used by those working in or supporting LTC or retirement homes for self-assessment and to guide policies, procedures, preparedness and response planning.

[Education Resources for Infection Control Professionals](#)

IPAC Canada's educational webinars and resources.

[LTC Orientation for incoming support](#)

Ontario Centres for Learning Research and Innovation in Long-Term Care has education and resources for orientating LTC staff.

REGULATIONS, PRACTICE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES**[Ontario Regulation 79/10 section 229](#)**

LTC Homes Act 2007, Ontario regulation on infection prevention and control program.

[Infection Prevention and Control Protocol 2019](#)

Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's IPAC protocol provides direction regarding surveillance, inspection, investigation, education, enforcement and reporting requirements. It helps the service organization to understand the guidance procedures related to IPAC for the organization.

[Infection Prevention and Control Guidance](#)

College of Nurses of Ontario's practice standards, external resources and legislation for safe, effective and ethical nursing practice and addresses frequently asked questions nurses have about infection prevention and control and how to apply practice standards to specific clinical scenarios.

[Best Practices in IPAC](#)

PHO's best practice documents are intended for use by health-care providers and organizations. LTC homes may use items that are specific to its sector and items for general use of health-care organization as applicable.

[Routine Practices and Additional Precautions In All Health Care Settings, 3rd edition](#)

PHO's document outlines best practices for infection prevention and control used by all health-care workers to reduce the risk of infection transmission.

PROGRAMS AND TOOLS

[LTC+: Acting on Pandemic Learning Together Program](#)

The Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement and the Canadian Patient Safety Institute launched this program that focuses on six key areas of practice that have the potential to help organizations prepare for future outbreaks, or mitigate their effects. It is based on findings captured in the report [Reimagining Care for Older Adults: Next Steps in COVID-19 Response in Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes](#).

[COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Practices in Long-Term Care, Residential and Retirement Homes](#)

Accreditation Canada and Health Standards Organization created this toolkit to assist LTC and residential care homes in understanding how to integrate essential infection prevention and control practices into their services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has national and international resources on COVID-19 as well as actionable criteria found within HSO's evidence-based standards.

[Inspection Protocol Infection Prevention and Control \(IPAC\)](#)

The inspection protocol for IPAC is a checklist/audit tool. This is used by inspectors and can be used by LTC homes for audits.

[Gap analysis related to infection inspection protocol](#)

Adapted from the MOHLTC IPAC Protocol 2019, this gap analysis is an organizational assessment tool to identify criteria as met, unmet and partially met. This tool helps organizations recognize the positive areas their work while identifying areas for priority and follow up action to prepare and for IPAC management.

[COVID-19 Long-Term Care Resources](#)

PHO resources for Ontario's long-term care and retirement homes settings to manage and prevent COVID-19 outbreaks.

[COVID-19: Infection Prevention and Control Checklist for Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes](#)

PHO's checklist helps guide individuals trained or working under those trained in infection prevention and control (IPAC) in conducting IPAC assessments related to COVID-19 in long-term care and retirement homes.. It can be used by those working in or supporting long-term care or retirement homes for self-assessment and to guide policies, procedures, preparedness, response planning and management of COVID-19.

SUPPORTING RESOURCES

[Regional Geriatric Program's IPAC resources](#)

A library of resources for LTC and retirement homes to support the implementation of IPAC practices.

[COVID-19 Health System Response Materials](#)

Materials generated by Ontario Health in response to COVID-19.