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Epidemiology

[APHEOlist](#) 

APHEOlist is the private, unmoderated listserv for members of the Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario. The purpose of the listserv is to improve communication among APHEO's members and affiliates. APHEO's Executive Committee uses it to send messages such as epidemiologist job advertisements, calls for volunteers for committees, APHEO updates, etc.

[EpiData List](#) 

EpiData is public health software that is used for teaching, research and surveillance around the world. EpiData List is an open listserv that is intended for discussions, suggestions and troubleshooting help among users of EpiData. It is hosted by the University of Manitoba.

[CARRFS](#) 

The Canadian Alliance for Regional Risk Factor Surveillance (CARRFS) is a network of public health stakeholders across Canada interested in working together to build and strengthening regional/local chronic disease risk factor surveillance. A listserv is available to CARRFS members, and there are no membership fees to join.

[ICES Alert](#) 

ICES Alert is the alerting service of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES), an independent, non-profit organization, whose core business is to conduct research that contributes to the effectiveness, quality, equity and efficiency of health care and health services in Ontario. The ICES Alert feature makes it possible for visitors to be notified when new information, containing a keyword(s) or phrase, has been added to the ICES website.

[MMWR](#)  

The Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) series is prepared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Often called "the voice of CDC," the MMWR series is the agency's primary vehicle for scientific publication of timely, reliable, authoritative, accurate, objective, and useful public health information and recommendations. Publication alerts are available via email and RSS.

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Environmental Health

[Children's Environmental Health Listserv](#)

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has created a special edition Children's Environmental Health Listserv that is meant to enhance collaborations by sharing children's environmental health information and upcoming events and activities. It is free, and they keep your email address private.

[HazMat Management](#)

HazMat Management is Canada's quarterly magazine on everything to do with hazardous and industrial wastes, emergency preparedness, dangerous goods transportation, contaminated site cleanup and related environmental service issues. Topic Alerts are email updates of the latest relevant hazmatmag.com article results based on your choice of keywords or topic. A free newsletter is also available.

Food Safety

[Foodsafe](#)

Foodsafe is an open international discussion group mainly for food safety professionals, but also for others who have questions about the topic. It connects those interested in food safety to each other, and to information. The purpose of the list is to share knowledge, experiences, and ideas to make food safer around the world.

[Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) safeguards Canada's food supply and the plants and animals upon which safe and high quality food depends. You can sign up to receive CFIA food recall notifications, other food-related notifications, animal health and feed-related notifications, and/or plant health, and seed- and fertilizer-related notifications.

[FoodHACCP](#)

A comprehensive food safety information website that provides alerts on food safety news and training. Sign up for the mailing list to receive outbreak notifications.

GIS

[WAPHGIS](#)

WAPHGIS is a open listserv on GIS and Health sponsored by the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington. It is intended to foster discussion of issues surrounding the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for public health purposes.

Health and Safety

[Health and Safety Watch](#)

Health & Safety Watch is an innovative service where you can find critical public health information in real-time. Designed for individuals and families, our service is led by reliable public health experts and allows you to easily discover significant news about food, water and drugs, product recalls, disease outbreaks, and many other concerns.

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Health Promotion

[APOLNET](#)

This open listserv is hosted by the Alcohol Policy Network to promote informed discussion about alcohol-related policy and programming issues in Ontario and Canada. This listserv has been created for professionals in public health, substance abuse, injury prevention and policy development. Anyone interested in alcohol policy is welcome to join.

[Click4HP](#)

Click4HP is an open, non-moderated public listserv for international dialogue on the uses of the Internet for health promotion. Subscribers exchange views on issues and ideas, provide leads to resources and ask questions about health promotion. CLICK4HP@yorku.ca is run in collaboration with Health Nexus.

[LINNews](#)

Sponsored by the Lifestyle Information Network (LIN), LINNews is a mailing list to help leisure professionals share their expertise and keep abreast of what is new in the field. Currently there are more than 1,500 subscribers.

[MNCHP](#)

The Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Promotion (MNCHP) Network, supported by the Best Start Resource Centre of Health Nexus, is free to join and open to anyone with an interest in maternal, newborn and child health promotion. Members include public health nurses, early childhood educators, social service workers, midwives, researchers, policy makers and individuals with an interest in learning, sharing and discussing family and child health promotion.

[Ontario Health Promotion e-Bulletin](#)

This e-bulletin, produced by the Health Nexus Santé and the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, provides a valuable means of information exchange among Ontario community leaders, practitioners and researchers interested in health promotion. Events, announcements, and jobs are distributed weekly. Features and resources are included every second week. The bulletin is free and open to anyone with an e-mail address who is interested in news, information, and resources related to health promotion.

Infectious Diseases

[ProMed-mail](#)

ProMED-mail, the Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases, is a program of the International Society for Infectious Diseases. ProMED-mail is the global electronic reporting system for outbreaks of emerging infectious diseases & toxins.


[Canada Communicable Disease Report](#)

The Public Health Agency of Canada's Canada Communicable Disease Report (CCDR) distributes current information on infectious diseases in Canada to public-health professionals, both nationally and internationally. It specializes in surveillance of infectious diseases, outbreak investigations, immunization, infection control, and tropical health and quarantine information, and other disease control activities. Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) annually produces 12 bilingual issues.

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[FLU.GOV](#)    

Flu.gov provides comprehensive government-wide information on seasonal, H1N1 (swine), H5N1 (bird) and pandemic influenza for the general public, health and emergency preparedness professionals, policy makers, government and business leaders, school systems, and local communities. Alerts for the public and public health professionals are available via email, RSS, and social media.

[Global Alert and Response – Disease Outbreak News](#) 

Run by the World Health Organization, Global Alert and Response is an integrated global alert and response system for epidemics and other public health emergencies based on strong national public health systems and capacity and an effective international system for coordinated response.

Information Science and Knowledge Transfer

[CANMEDLIB](#) 

Health information professionals in Canada keep in touch electronically via the open, unmoderated listserv CANMEDLIB, which is hosted by the Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA). The purpose of CANMEDLIB is to facilitate discussion of issues and dissemination of information important to Canadian librarians and information professionals involved in the health care field.

[MEDLIB-L](#) 

This international email discussion from the Medical Library Association list provides a forum for members and other health sciences information professionals to discuss important issues about health information management.

[National Collaborating Centres for Public Health](#) 

The mission of Canada's 6 National Collaborating Centres for Public Health is to translate relevant evidence produced by academics and researchers so that it can be used by public health practitioners and policy-makers. You can subscribe to their e-bulletins and RSS feeds for updates.

[National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools](#)  

The National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools (NCCMT) will enhance evidence-informed public health practice and policy in Canada by providing leadership and expertise in sharing what works in public health. It offers various discussion forums, networks, alerts.

Marketing and Communications

[Social Marketing Listserv](#) 

This discussion list from the Social Marketing Institute is an open discussion list for social marketing professionals. To join the Social Marketing Listserv, subscribe to listproc@listproc.georgetown.edu through email and type subscribe soc-mktg <your name> in the message body.

[THCU's Online Learning Community](#)  

Located at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto (U of T), The Health Communication Unit (THCU) is one of several organizations funded by the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion to provide

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training and support to health promotion practitioners in Ontario. TCHU's Online Learning Community gives participants a chance to ask questions of THCU consultants and each other.

Nutrition

[Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health](#)

The Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health (OSNPPH) is the independent and official voice of registered dietitians working in the Ontario public health system. Members can join the OSNPPH listserv, which provides a great way to communicate with colleagues about research, resources, and programs. (Notes: This is a closed listserv; must be a registered dietician and current OSNPPH member to join.)

[Contact-NRC](#)

While most subscribers are dietitians and nutritionists in community and public health in Ontario, anyone with an interest in nutrition may join Contact-NRC, the mailing list of the Nutrition Resource Centre (NRC). It provides NRC news, job postings, requests for feedback, NRC program information and relevant messages from other organizations.

[Media Network for Healthy Eating, Active Living](#)

Hosted by the Program Training and Consultation Centre, the Media Network for Healthy Eating, Active Living provides expertise on media relations and media advocacy as well as knowledge exchange to public health and health promotion professionals in Ontario. By joining the network, you will receive daily media update reports, as well as updates on current events and policy and legislative developments.

Population Health

[CHNET-Works](#)

Hosted by the Population Health Improvement Research Network at the University of Ottawa, CHNET-Works! is a networking venue dedicated to linking researchers, decision-makers and practitioners in population health and stakeholder sectors from across Canada. The intent is to make leading edge research and application information accessible, to enable discussions and to support individual and collective action on population health issues.

Public Health Dentistry

[Dental Public Health Listserv](#)

The Dental Public Health Listserv is an open listserv to facilitate discussion of issues relating to dental public health. The list memberships is limited to dental public health professionals and policy makers. This list is not affiliated with any professional organization or group; it is supported by the University of Pittsburgh as a public service.

Statistics

[The Daily](#)

The Daily is Statistics Canada's official release bulletin, the Agency's first line of communication with the media and the public. The Daily issues news releases on current social and economic conditions and announces new products. It provides a comprehensive one-stop overview of new information available from Statistics Canada.

Systematic Reviews

[Centre for Reviews and Disseminations](#)

The Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) is a department of the University of York (UK) and is part of the National Institute for Health Research. It provides research-based information about the effects of health and social care interventions and undertakes systematic reviews evaluating the research evidence on health and public health questions of national and international importance. Subscribe to CRD's RSS feed for regular updates.

[health-evidence.ca](#)

health-evidence.ca facilitates the adoption and implementation of effective policies/programs/interventions at the local and regional public health decision making levels across Canada by identifying, appraising, and increasing access to methodologically-sound reviews of health promotion and public health interventions published from 1985 to the present. Follow them on Twitter to receive notifications about new and updated reviews in the health-evidence.ca database.

Tobacco

[Media Network for a Smoke-Free Ontario](#)

The Media Network for a Smoke-Free Ontario was established in 2000 under the Ontario Tobacco Strategy to increase positive earned media coverage around tobacco control issues at local and provincial levels. The program provides expertise on media relations and media advocacy, as well as knowledge exchange, to tobacco control practitioners across Ontario. By joining the network, you will receive daily media update reports, as well as updates on current events and policy and legislative developments.

[Ontario Tobacco Research Unit](#)

The Ontario Tobacco Research Unit (OTRU) is an Ontario-based research network that is recognized as a Canadian leader in tobacco control research, monitoring and evaluation, teaching and training and as a respected source of science based information on tobacco control. Contact the Information Coordinator to request access to the OTRU mailing list.

General Public Health

[PUBLIC-HEALTH](#)

This UK-based listserv is a discussion forum and information resource for those working in epidemiology and public health. It aims to facilitate information sharing, (eg workshops, seminars, conferences and new research) and promote links, collaborative working, joint problem-solving and mutual support.

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

CDC's Mission is to collaborate to create the expertise, information, and tools that people and communities need to protect their health – through health promotion, prevention of disease, injury and disability, and preparedness for new health threats. It offers regular updates on a wide variety of public health topics.

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[e-Health Ontario e-newsletter](#)

eHealth Ontario is playing the lead role in harnessing information technology and innovation to improve patient care, safety and access in support of the government's health strategy. Subscribe to their quarterly newsletter for updates on the province-wide eHealth Strategy.

[Health Canada](#)

Health Canada is responsible for helping Canadians maintain and improve their health by preserving and modernizing Canada's health care system and communicating health promotion and disease prevention information. Health Canada now provides RSS feeds of its news releases and advisories, warnings and recalls. News digests are available by email. A Twitter feed for general updates is also available.

[National Institutes of Health](#)

NIH provides leadership and direction to programs designed to improve the health of the Nation by conducting and supporting research in the causes, diagnosis, prevention, and cure of human diseases, in the processes of human growth and development, in the biological effects of environmental contaminants, in the understanding of mental, addictive and physical disorders, and in directing programs for the collection, dissemination, and exchange of information in medicine and health. General updates available by email and RSS.

[Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion \(OAHPP\)](#)

The Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP) is an arm's-length government agency dedicated to protecting and promoting the health of all Ontarians and reducing inequities in health. As a hub organization, OAHPP links public health practitioners, front-line health workers and researchers to the best scientific intelligence and knowledge from around the world. Join the OAHPP mailing list for news updates and publication alerts.

[Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care](#)

Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) establishes overall strategic direction and priorities for the health system, develops legislation, regulations, standards, policies, and directives, and monitors the performance of the health system and the health of Ontarians. Subscribe to their RSS feed to receive notification of news releases.

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) conducts research and delivers a variety of public health programs and services to bring about healthier Canadians by reducing health disparities and increasing public health capacity in Canada. Email and RSS notifications about chronic disease prevention, communicable disease control, and health promotion in Canada as well as publication alerts are available from PHAC.

[Social Determinants of Health Listserv](#)

Hosted by York University, the Social Determinants of Health Listserv has over 1200 members from around the world who deal with the social determinants of health.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends. RSS feeds and social media alerts are available on a wide variety of global health topics.