



Emergency Management

Update for The Board of Health

November 2018

Legislative Requirements

- Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act
- Health Protection and Promotion Act
- Ontario Public Health Standards: Emergency Management Standard (foundational)
- Emergency Management Guideline

Emergency Management Standard

GOAL

To enable consistent and effective management of emergency situations.

PROGRAM OUTCOME

The Board of Health is ready to respond to and recover from new and emerging events and/or emergencies with public health impacts.

REQUIREMENT

The Board of Health shall effectively prepare for emergencies to ensure 24/7 timely, integrated, safe, and effective response to, and recovery from emergencies with public health impacts, in accordance with ministry policy and guidelines.

Other Standards Referenced

- Infectious and Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control
- Food Safety
- Safe Water
- Healthy Environments
- Immunization

Changes in the Emergency Management Program

- Movement from emergency preparedness and response to emergency management
- Is now a foundational standard across all programs
- The board of health is required to consider emergency management in all public health program development and implementation
- Building resiliency, not just reacting or responding

Emergency Management

The expectation is that:

- We develop and maintain networks of community partners for coordination and collaboration in the Health Unit emergency management program activities.
- We focus on continuous improvement in program activities and in recovery from disruptions and emergencies.

Emergency Management Guideline

Components Include:

- Health Assessment, Awareness, and Surveillance
- Emergency Planning
- Communication and Notification
- Learning and Practice

Changes in Emergency Management

Original OPHS vs Modernized OPHS

Original OPHS	Modernized OPHS
Name: Public Health Emergency Preparedness	Name: Emergency Management
Non foundational	Foundational
Supporting Documents: Public Health Emergency Preparedness Protocol	Supporting Documents: Emergency Management Guideline

Changes in Emergency Management

Original OPHS vs Modernized OPHS

Original OPHS	Modernized OPHS
Focused on implementing measures that will help the BOH be prepared to respond to emergencies	Focused on the BOH being ready to cope with and recover from threats to public health or disruptions to public health programs and services. And thru collaboration strengthening the overall resilience of boards of health and the broader health system.
Emergency Exercise on a yearly basis to test components of the plan	Emergency Exercise every 3 years if there has been no lived experience from disruptions or emergencies to test components of the plan

Emergency Management at the Health Unit

- We have a revised HIRA (Hazardous Identification Risk Assessment) for 2018
- Revised All Hazards Health Unit Emergency Response Plan with staff roles included at the back
- Appendices that address possible emergencies as identified by the annual HIRA
- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

Overlapping Roles in Components of Emergency Management



Questions?

Thank you