



Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Municipal - Public Health Networking Call Friday, April 14, 2023

Topic(s) of Discussion

1. **Retrospective on COVID-19 and Respiratory Season**

- [Municipal Presentation Retrospective on COVID-19 and Respiratory Seasons](#) – *Dr. Linna Li, LGLDHU Medical Officer of Health*
- Reflection of our Joint Partnerships in Emergency Preparedness
- [2022 Annual Report — Being Ready: Ensuring Public Health Preparedness for Infectious Outbreaks and Pandemics \(ontario.ca\)](#)

2. **Emergency Preparedness Week 2023: May 7-13, 2023**

- [Emergency Preparedness and Response Overview Presentation](#) – *Kim McCann, LGLDHU Senior Public Health Inspector*
- [Health Units' Emergency Response Plan](#)
- Reviewed components of our plan
- Will be updated in 2023

3. **[About Emergency Preparedness Week \(getprepared.gc.ca\)](#)**

4. **Next Topic: Planet Youth**

Background:

- Lanark County is the first Canadian IPM (Icelandic Prevention Model) community. Evidence, gathered through a Planet Youth Lanark County (PYLC) 2022 survey shows our youth are early and relatively heavy users of alcohol, cannabis and other substances. Survey data is freely available to the local service providers, municipalities, school boards and the broader community
- Work is currently underway to develop community-based actions plans to respond to areas of concern/opportunity identified in data. Outcomes will be assessed via surveys in 2024, 2026 and beyond.
- PYLC is a 100% volunteer-based initiative formed in 2017. Two years of community engagement, strong Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit (LGLHU) collaboration, MOU's with local school boards (UCDSB and CDSBEO) and ad hoc fundraising led to a 5-year service agreement with IPM experts.
- The Lanark County project benefits from close collaboration with a post-doctoral fellow at The Royal's Institute for Mental Health Research and the local youth mental health service provider (Open Doors for Lanark Children & Youth). The first survey was planned for March 2020 but COVID-19 imposed a 2-year delay. 2022 survey reports are available at www.planetyouthlanark.ca