

Peel Public Health services



Keeping water safe

Safe drinking water inspections

Our Safe Water program protects you from getting sick from contaminated drinking water. We inspect places that do not use Regional water and ensure they are following health regulations.

Safe recreational water inspections

Our inspectors keep Peel's 592 public pools, wading pools, splash pads, spas and five beaches safe to play in. We make sure facilities follow health regulations. We investigate complaints and alert the public of risks.

Keeping food safe

Restaurant and food inspections

We keep you safe from illnesses caused by contaminated food. In 2018, we conducted almost 12,000 inspections of restaurants and other places food is served to ensure safety standards are followed. This reduces the chance of people getting sick.

Reducing your risk of disease

Free immunization clinics

Our clinics give about 67,000 immunizations each year to help protect our population from outbreaks. We offer free vaccines to students, refugees and newcomers. This protects Peel from contagious and potentially fatal diseases like measles, whooping cough and polio.

Vaccine management and physician information

We supply vaccines to Peel health care providers. This helps stop the spread of contagious diseases. We distribute about 780,000 vaccines each year and enforce standards to ensure vaccines are effective.

Vaccine preventable diseases school program

We supply immunizations and screen 250,000 students in Peel each year to ensure our population is up-to-date on mandatory childhood vaccinations.

Tuberculosis (TB)

We help clients get healthy and keep TB from spreading to others. We give free access to medications and support infected clients through the treatment process. We also conduct medical surveillance to lower the risks in Peel.

Communicable disease investigation

We help keep contagious diseases from spreading in Peel. We track the spread of higher-risk diseases, like measles, and alert people who may have been in contact with an infected person.

Hepatitis

We support clients with Hepatitis B and C cases in a timely manner to decrease the likelihood of spread to others.

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Disease prevention – facility inspections

We inspect places like spas and tanning salons, recreational facilities and child care locations to reduce the risk of outbreaks and illnesses.

Sexual infection control

We work to reduce the spread of sexually transmitted infections in Peel. We offer sexual health clinic services to support clients with infections. We reach out to the sexual partners of infected individuals to help stop the spread.

Protecting Peel from health hazards Environmental hazard protection and alerts

We reduce your risk of exposure to health hazards in the environment. We alert you about extreme heat events, poor air quality and other environmental hazards.

Environmental disease protection

We limit exposure to diseases, like West Nile virus and Lyme disease. We monitor high-risk areas, investigate possible infections and alert the public of risks.

Health promotion and harm reduction

We reduce the harms from drug abuse in Peel. We give clean needles to users and hand out life-saving naloxone kits. We have tools and education that can make our population safer.

Reducing exposure to tobacco and cannabis use

Our programs and policies aim to limit your exposure to second hand smoke. We help people quit smoking and prevent others from starting to smoke in the first place.

Making communities healthier

Promoting healthy community design

We work to develop policies and advocacy programs to help our neighbourhoods better support physical activity and healthy eating.

Promoting healthy eating and active living

We partner with local governments, school boards, workplaces, places of worship and others to help reverse the risk of diseases like Type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. We partner on programs and policies that support health with more opportunities for people to be active and get healthy foods.

Reducing the harms from alcohol

We lead analysis and programming to help reduce alcohol-related traffic accidents, crime, injuries and illness related.

Enforcement of Smoke-Free

Ontario Act and local by-laws

We ensure tobacco, vapour and cannabis are not promoted or sold to youth and investigate complaints about smoking in banned areas. Our team includes undercover youth “shoppers” who test stores’ age-restricted selling policies.

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Protecting children's health

Healthy Babies Healthy Children

We help get at-risk babies on the path to good health and well-being. Our nurses support children with development challenges. We help new parents with financial and other challenges get off to a positive start.

Free parenting support

We support the parents of young children by phone, Facebook, email and a text service to get them what they need on their own terms and schedules.

Prenatal education

We offer free in-person and online programs to give parents-to-be quality information to help them make decisions about prenatal care, labour, birth, feeding, and parenting.

Healthy start

We offer free education, prenatal vitamins, food vouchers, and consultation with Public Health Nurses and Dietitians to help keep babies healthy.

Teen Prenatal Supper Club

We connect young parents-to-be together and provide them with a network of support. We offer prenatal education, program referrals and consultation with Public Health Nurses, Social Workers and Dietitians.

Baby Feeding Services

Our Public Health Nurses work with more than 7,200 parents a year to ensure babies are well-fed and that new parents are supported through challenges.

Child care centre menu planning

We work with child care centres to plan healthy and balanced menus. Good eating habits in childhood helps reduce diseases and obesity in adulthood.

Physical Literacy Champions' Network

Only 35% of Canadian children get the recommended levels of daily activity. We train early childhood educators how to help children in child care centres move more and develop active habits.

Oral health services

Oral health for children

Our dental services include screening school children to catch problems early. We give cleanings, dental sealants and fluoride applications to more than 8,000 lower income children each year.

Senior's dental program

We provide free dental care to qualifying senior's in need. In 2018, we treated 800 low-income seniors to stop serious problems, end pain and prevent future issues.

Continual health improvement

Effective public health practice

Our staff consistently examines new evidence to make our public health programs more effective. We stay up-to-date on health information to improve public health services. Our team ensures programs are based on the best available evidence to improve health in Peel.