

# Public Health in Simcoe Muskoka



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muskoka**  
DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

**To the City of Barrie Council**

- **Scott Warnock, Board Vice Chair**
- **Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health**

**June 7, 2023**



# Our Vision



*Healthy People. Healthy Places.*



# Our Mission

With our communities,  
we prevent disease and  
injury, and promote and  
protect health for all in  
Simcoe Muskoka.



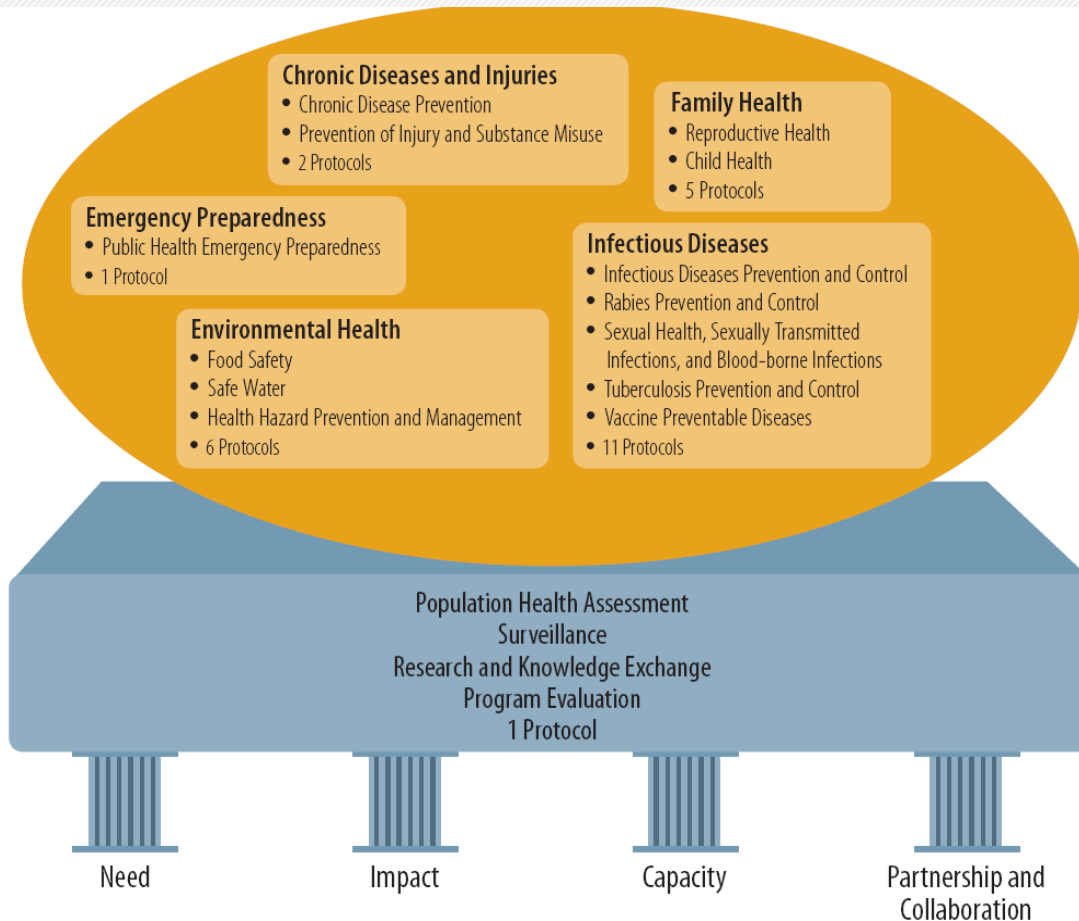
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# 2023 Board of Health

- Sandy Cairns, District of Muskoka
- Ralph Cipolla, City of Orillia
- Anita Dubeau, Provincial Appointee
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- Ted Walker, County of Simcoe
- Scott Warnock (**Vice Chair**), Provincial Appointee
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# 2021 Public Health Standards

## Program Standards and Protocols



## Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability

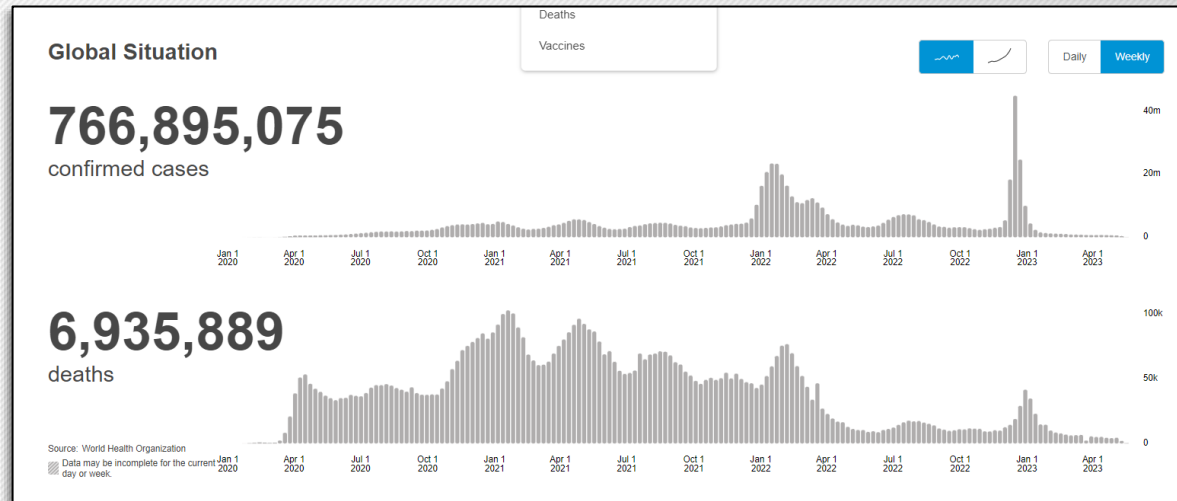
Protecting and Promoting the Health of Ontarians  
Effective: June, 2021







# COVID-19: The Most Severe Pandemic in a Century



- Ontario: some 1.62 million cases and over 16,500 deaths to date
- Simcoe Muskoka: over 58,000 cases and over 765 deaths reported to date
- More deaths occurred in 2022 than in 2020 and 2021 combined
  - In 2023 continued to have between 2 to 11 deaths per week in Simcoe Muskoka until recently
  - *Lower to Moderate Risk* in Simcoe Muskoka since May 4<sup>th</sup>



# SMDHU Pandemic Response Roles

- **Surveillance**
- **COVID-19 case and contact management, and outbreak response**
- **Vaccination** - over 80% of the population of Simcoe Muskoka, with over 1.55 million doses administered (SMDHU, pharmacies, RVH, OSMH, LTC, EMS, municipalities, primary care, health care providers)
- **Public Health Measures** - communication, education and enforcement of health directives through the course of the pandemic
- **Communication** - public / media / social media messaging
- **Partner engagement** - health care agencies, Ontario Health Central Region, Ontario Health Teams, municipalities (CAOs), MPPs, equity deserving populations and other groups / venues
- **Priority public health programs and services**





# COVID-19 Recovery Framework

## GOAL

Effectively recover from the COVID-19 pandemic as an adaptive and resilient public health unit. The six key focus areas of the recovery plan are:



PREVENT AND  
PROTECT



PEOPLE



PROGRAMS AND  
SERVICES



PARTNERSHIPS

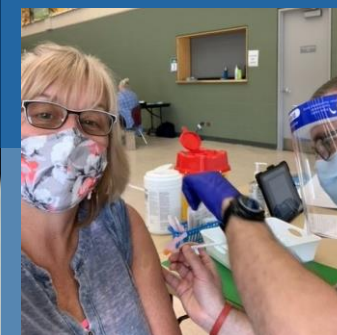


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# IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM 2023

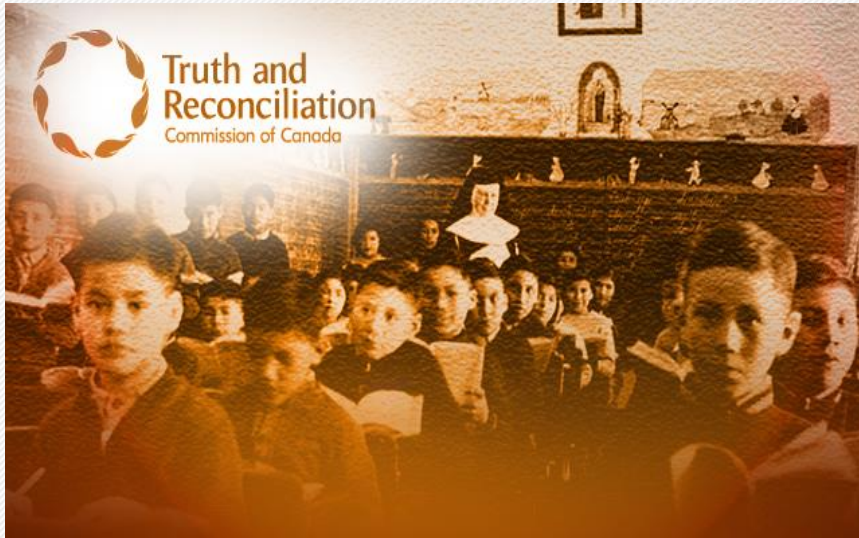




# The Continuing Opioid Strategy



# Indigenous Engagement



Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

## Relationship with Indigenous Communities Guideline, 2018

Population and Public Health Division,  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Effective: January 1, 2018 or upon date of release

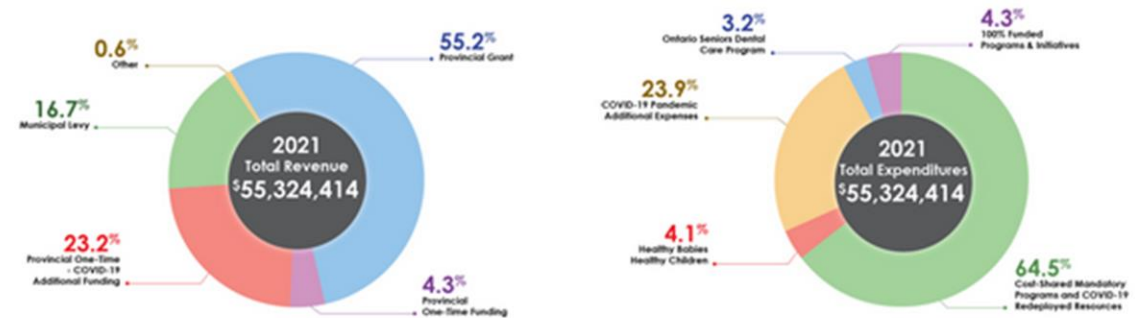


# Accountable to our Communities

## ANNUAL REPORT 2020 2021



### 2021 SMDHU Financials



# Per Capita Public Health Funding - City of Barrie

(2021 - 2023)

Year	City of Barrie Levy	% Change (Year Over Year)	Per Capita Cost (MPAC Population Figures)
2021	\$1,945,464	1.59%	\$18.88
2022	\$2,034,437	4.57%	\$19.75
2023	\$2,112,733	3.85%	\$18.14



# Final Thoughts



- The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is committed to working with our communities for excellence in public health services.
- Municipalities greatly influence people's health.
- COVID-19 has caused the most severe pandemic of a century
- We are presently working to recover the full public health mandate