

IPAC WEEK NEWSLETTER

IPAC WEEK | UNMASKING THE FUTURE | OCTOBER 2023



IPAC Week 2023

National infection control week is a time to remind everyone about the importance of infection prevention and control (IPAC) and a time to celebrate the work accomplished by those in the health community. This year, the theme is "Unmasking the Future", a fitting image that speaks to the emergence from the pandemic and acknowledges the learnings and experience that we take into the future of IPAC practice. Discover more at [IPAC Canada](https://www.ipac.ca).

What's in the news?

[CSA Z314:23](#) - Canadian medical device reprocessing in all health care settings was refreshed for 2023. This Standard addresses the safe and effective reprocessing of medical devices.

The [Medical Devices Active Licence Listing \(MDALL\)](#) is your reference tool for licensed medical devices in [Canada](#). There are updated search options added for better search results. Is your autoclave on the list?

[Ontario released Connecting Ontarians to the Tools They Need to Stay Healthy This Respiratory Illness Season](#), Influenza, RSV and new COVID-19 XBB vaccines will be available to ensure Ontarians are protected this fall.

[Ministry of Health: Health Care Provider Qs & As: Influenza Immunization Information for the 2023/2024 Influenza Season](#) describes who should receive the influenza vaccine starting October 2023.

Education/Training

Public Health Ontario offers [IPAC online learning](#) for non-clinical staff and health care workers. Don't forget to check out the related information section on "[Just Clean your Hands](#)", "[Reprocessing](#)", "[Environmental Cleaning](#)" and more.

IPAC Canada offers an [E-learning Curriculum on IPAC Routine Practices](#).

Did you know?

- Improper sterilization logs are among top five high risk practices that may put patients at risk. See [Public Health Ontario's recommendations for the clinical office practice](#).
- Region of Peel offers [health services and supports](#) for a variety of health topics including IPAC.
- Public Health Ontario's [Respiratory Virus Tool](#) and the [Integrated Respiratory Virus Risk Indicators for Ontario](#) provides comprehensive epidemiological information on respiratory virus activity in Ontario, including COVID-19, influenza and other respiratory viruses.

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