



Appendix C: Findings of the Environmental Scan

Table C-2: Pan-Canadian Scan of Public Health Regulations: Communicable Diseases

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British Columbia	Health Act Communicable Disease Regulation B.C. Reg. 4/83			
Alberta	Alberta Regulation 238/85 Communicable Diseases Regulation	<p>1. In this Regulation,</p> <p>(m.1) "institution" means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a correctional institution as defined in the <i>Corrections Act</i>, (ii) a facility as defined in the <i>Mental Health Act</i>, (iii) a nursing home within the meaning of the <i>Nursing Homes Act</i>, and (iv) a hostel or other establishment operated to provide accommodation and maintenance for unemployed or indigent persons; <p>(s) "public place" includes any place in which the public has an interest arising out of the need to safeguard the public health and includes, without limitation,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) public conveyances and stations and terminals used in connection with them, (ii) places of business and places where business activity is carried on, (iii) learning institutions, (iv) institutions, (v) places of entertainment or amusement, (vi) places of assembly, (vii) dining facilities and licensed premises, (viii) accommodation facilities, including all rental accommodation, (ix) recreation facilities, (x) medical, health, personal and social care facilities, and (xi) any other building, structure or place visited by or accessible to the public; 	<p>Root Causes: social determinants (income security, social safety net)</p> <p>Populations: vulnerable, marginalized</p>	<p>Regulatory Requirements: application of regulation</p>



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	Schedule 4 Diphtheria		Populations: vulnerable, at-risk	Regulatory Requirements: duties of medical officer of health
	Special Measures	5 (1) The medical officer of health shall order that all contacts shall be excluded from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) contact with children, (b) occupations involving the care of the sick and dependent, (c) occupations involving the handling of foods, and (d) school, until cultures from the nose, throat and any lesion are proved to be negative for toxigenic diphtheria bacilli.		
	Enteric Infections (Including Amebiasis, Giardiasis, Rotavirus, Norwalk Agent and bacterial infections other than Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever)			
	(See also Foodborne or Waterborne Illness)			
	Investigation of Contacts and Source of Infection	2 (1) The medical officer of health shall ensure that appropriate laboratory tests are conducted with respect to household members who are symptomatic or work in occupations involving food handling, patient care or the care of young children, elderly people or dependent people.		
	Special Measures	5 (1) The medical officer of health shall order that an infected person shall be excluded from occupations involving food handling, patient care or the care of young children, elderly people or dependent people until 2 swabs, specimens or cultures taken from the infected person not less than 24 hours apart and at least 48 hours after the cessation of chemotherapy are reported as negative, unless the medical officer of health is satisfied that the risk of transmission is acceptably low.		
	Hepatitis B (Cases and carriers)			
	Investigation of Contacts and Source of Infection	2 The medical officer of health shall attempt to identify <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the source of infection, and 		



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		<p>(b) contacts in need of prophylaxis including, but not limited to, newborn infants and persons with needlestick exposures.</p> <p>Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Isolation Procedures</p> <p>3 (2) A person who has reason to believe he may be infected shall avoid contact with young unimmunized children.</p> <p>Special Measures</p> <p>5 (2) The medical officer of health shall ensure that incompletely immunized or unimmunized children are offered a dose of pertussis vaccine unless it is medically contra-indicated to do so.</p> <p>Typhoid or Paratyphoid (Carrier-state) Special Measures</p> <p>5 (1) The medical officer of health shall by order exclude a carrier from employment in any occupation involving food handling, patient care or the care of young children, the elderly or the dependent unless the medical officer of health in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer is satisfied that the risk of transmission is negligible.</p>		
Saskatchewan	The Disease Control Regulations Chapter P-37.1 Reg. 11	<p>PART II – Reporting of Communicable Diseases Reports from physicians, clinic nurses</p> <p>14 (2) In the case of category I communicable diseases or category II communicable diseases, the following information must be reported in the format approved by the department:</p> <p>(e) the risk factors known to be associated with the transmission of the infection to the infected person;</p> <p>(f) the ethnocultural background of the infected person if the medical health officer or the chief medical health officer considers this information necessary;</p> <p>Reports from anonymous test sites</p> <p>15 (2) If a person who has been tested at an anonymous test site does not agree to the collection of the information mentioned in subsection 14(2), the operator of the anonymous test site shall report the following information in the format approved by the department:</p> <p>(a) the gender of the infected person;</p>	Root Causes: risk factors, social determinants (gender, race/ethnicity)	Regulatory Requirements: duty to report



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) the year of birth of the infected person; (c) the risk factors of the infected person known to be associated with the transmission of the infection; 		
		<p>PART III – Investigating and Controlling Outbreaks of Communicable Diseases</p> <p>Disclosure of information</p> <p>22 (2) Information may be disclosed pursuant to subsection (1) to a person responsible for collecting communicable disease information on behalf of any of the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a regional health authority; (b) a department or agency of the government of another province or territory of Canada that has responsibility for public health within that province or territory; (c) a department or agency of the Government of Canada that has responsibility for public health matters; (d) a First Nations agency with delegated authority for health care services from the Government of Canada. <p>(3) For the purposes of providing public health services, including controlling or preventing the spread of a vaccine-preventable disease, the co-ordinator or a medical health officer may disclose a person’s immunization record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to a medical health officer; (b) to a medical health officer or similar official of any jurisdiction outside of Saskatchewan; or (c) to a person responsible for collecting immunization information on behalf of any of the following agencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a regional health authority; (ii) a department or agency of the government of another province or territory of Canada that has responsibility for public health within that province or territory; (iii) a department or agency of the Government of Canada that has responsibility for public health matters; (iv) a First Nations agency with delegated authority for health care services from the Government of Canada 	<p>Root Causes: social determinants (indigeneity)</p>	<p>Regulatory Requirements: authority (discretionary) to disclose information</p>



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Manitoba	Disease Control Regulation Regulation 26/2009 Reporting of Diseases and Conditions Regulation Regulation 37/2009			
Ontario	R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 557 Communicable Diseases—General Ontario Regulation 559/91 Specification Of Reportable Diseases Ontario Regulation 558/91 Specification Of Communicable Diseases Ontario Regulation 199/03 Control Of West Nile Virus Ontario Regulation 95/03 Specification Of Virulent Diseases			



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Quebec	c. S-2.2, r. 1 Regulation under the Public Health Act	DIVISION I LIST OF CRITERIA FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 79 AND 83 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1. The following sections establish the criteria that the Minister of Health and Social Services must observe when drawing up, by regulation, a list of intoxications, infections and diseases pursuant to sections 79 and 83 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2). 2. With respect to the list drawn up pursuant to section 79 of the Act, the intoxications, infections and diseases that may be included for reporting to public health authorities must satisfy the following criteria: (1) they present a risk for the occurrence of new cases in the population, either because the disease or infection is contagious, or because the origin of the intoxication, infection or disease may lie in a source of contamination or exposure in the environment of the person affected;	Root Causes: risk factors, environmental	Regulatory Requirements: duties of Minister (compulsory) when drawing up list of reportable disease
	c. S-2.2, r. 2 Minister's Regulation under the Public Health Act			
Newfoundland & Labrador				
Nova Scotia	Communicable Diseases Regulations N.S. Reg. 196/2005 Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Conditions Regulations N.S. Reg. 195/2005			



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New Brunswick	New Brunswick Regulation 2009-136 Reporting and Diseases Regulation			
Prince Edward Island	Notifiable Diseases and Communicable Diseases Regulations PEI Reg. EC560/13			
Yukon	Communicable Diseases Regulations C.O. 1961/048			
Northwest Territories	Reportable Disease Control Regulations NWT Reg. 128-2009	<p>Investigation by the Chief Public Health Officer</p> <p>12 (2) During an investigation the Chief Public Health Officer shall have access to any registers that are established and maintained under the Act and any immunization records held by a health facility, in order to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) assess the risk of a reportable disease outbreak within a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) health facility, (ii) community, (iii) region, (iv) specific class of persons, or (v) specific class of places; (b) respond to any potential risk; and (c) determine the appropriate isolation measures and facilities that are or may be required. 	<u>Populations</u>	<u>Regulatory Requirements:</u> powers of investigation of Chief Public Health Officer



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Nunavut	Communicable Diseases Regulations RRNWT (Nu) 1990 c P-13			