

Get involved!

We want to hear about what matters to you in the public health system

WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY?

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) is working on a project to select indicators to drive progress toward a stronger and more resilient public health system. Selected indicators will measure the readiness of our public health system to meet the needs of the Canadian population for years to come. We are inviting you to share your insights around what is important to you about public health in Canada, focusing on 4 key areas:

- 1) public health system financing (for example, how much is spent on a vaccination program),
- 2) public health organization, governance, and workforce (for example, the number of nurses working in public health),
- 3) health promotion (for example, measuring the reach of programs to support people with quitting smoking, or supporting new parents during the post-partum period)
- 4) emergency preparedness (for example, how prepared we are to deal with a pandemic or environmental emergency).

Your insights will help inform the process of selecting the indicators best suited to measure the readiness of Canada's public health system.

What is a public health indicator?

A public health indicator is a measure that provides information about the state of a particular topic in public health that can be compared across groups and can inform action to improve that area.

Examples of public health services

- Birth and early childhood support programs
- Smoking cessation programs
- Dental screening programs or dental clinics
- Immunization clinics
- Substance use and mental health services
- Sexual health clinics

ADDITIONAL PROJECT DETAILS

CIHI is leading the selection of 8-10 public health system readiness indicators leading to better accountability and health outcomes for Canadians. The chosen indicators will help improve transparency of the readiness of Canada's public health system. This system

includes local public health authorities, provincial, territorial and national public health governing bodies and other related organizations at all levels that work to meet the needs and improve the health of Canadians.

COMMITMENT AND COMPENSATION

We are asking you to participate in one 90-minute virtual session, where you and a small group of other participants will provide your perspectives and experience with the public health system. Sessions will take place in mid-November to early December.

As recognition for your time and valuable contributions to our work, CIHI will offer an honorarium of \$100 CDN to those who are selected to participate.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Canadian residents aged 18+ who have experience with and/or have a good understanding of Canada's public health system
- Ability to communicate in English, as sessions will be conducted in English.
- Access to internet, device and/or telephone required.
- No formal training or professional experience required.

CIHI is committed to fostering an inclusive, barrier-free and accessible environment and encourage all interested individuals to express interest in this opportunity.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Please contact hspspecialprojects@cihi.ca by **November 4, 2024**. Please note that not all those who express interest will be selected for participation.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

By responding to this Call for Participation and sharing any personal information about yourself, you will be indicating that you consent to the collection and use of this information by the CIHI for purposes of this patient engagement initiative.

The collection of this information is necessary for the proper administration of this patient engagement initiative and be used by CIHI only for the purpose of the patient engagement initiative. CIHI will retain your information for as long as required for the patient engagement initiative and will securely destroy your personal information when no longer needed. Your information will not be placed on mailing lists or released to any third party, except as may be authorized by law.

If you have any questions about the handling of your personal information, please contact: hspspecialprojects@cihi.ca

ABOUT CIHI

CIHI is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing essential health information to all Canadians.

CIHI works closely with federal, provincial and territorial partners and stakeholders throughout Canada to gather, package and disseminate information to inform policy, management, care and research, leading to better and more equitable health outcomes for all Canadians.

Health information has become one of society's most valuable public goods. For 25 years, CIHI has set the pace on data privacy, security, accessibility and innovation to improve Canada's health systems.

CIHI: Better data. Better decisions. Healthier Canadians. For more information, visit our website at cihi.ca.