



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Annual Report – Communicable Diseases –
January 1 to December 31, 2022

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board

Report Date: 2023-04-19

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is for reporting compliance with By-Law No. 253-2003 Communicable Diseases.
- The Service is required to provide an annual report to the Board that includes information pertaining to Communicable Diseases.
- The Service confirms compliance with the defined policies and procedures for the year ending December 31, 2022.

Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications relating to the recommendations contained in this report.

Analysis

The Service is required to provide an annual report to the Board that includes a summary of the written procedures concerning occupational exposure to communicable diseases, the status of Service compliance with said procedures, and a summary of the training given to members with respect to exposure to communicable diseases and universal precautions, to protect against exposure to communicable diseases.

General Order 103.12 – Infection Prevention and Control (formerly called Exposure to Communicable Disease), provides information and guidance to members to assist in both controlling exposure to infection and the procedures to take if exposure occurs. As of December 31, 2022, the Service was in compliance with the policies and procedures as defined within this general order.

With the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic in early 2020, the Service has implemented additional infection control protocols specifically directed at controlling the spread of COVID-19. These protocols were updated on a regular basis pursuant to

Public Health and Health Canada guidelines and communicated to all members through Routine Orders from the Chief of Police. During 2022, the general order was updated and renamed to permanently reflect some of the protocols introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Communicable Disease Training, including COVID-19 protocols, continue to be provided to new members and supervisors who are at risk of exposure to communicable diseases during their duties. This includes information on routine infection control practices, additional precautions, blood borne and airborne pathogens, and the post-exposure process as per Part AI-004 of the Policing Standards Manual (2000). Information from Niagara Region Public Health regarding increased infectious disease surveillance and community outbreaks are communicated to all members of the Service.

Duty Inspectors are provided with more comprehensive communicable disease training to carry out the responsibilities of a "Designated Officer" as per Part AI-004 of the Policing Standards Manual (2000), in absence of the Occupational Health Nurse.

Members are continually reminded to use routine infection control practices and to ensure that their personal immunizations are up to date and maintained to prevent transmission of infectious disease.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

Annual report issued in compliance with Board By-Law No. 253-2003.

Relevant Policy Considerations

General Order 103.12 – Infection Prevention and Control
Police Services Act
Policing Standards Manual (2000)

Other Pertinent Reports

8.12.2022.05.19- Annual Report – Communicable Disease – January 1 to December 31, 2021

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Appendices

Not applicable.