



# NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

## Police Service Board Report

### PUBLIC AGENDA

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**Subject:** Annual Report – Communicable Diseases – January 1 to December 31, 2024

**Report To:** Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

**Report Date:** 2025-04-24

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### Recommendation(s)

**That the Niagara Police Service Board (Board) receive this report for information.**

### Key Facts

- This report is provided to the Board in compliance with By-Law No. 470-2024 Communicable Diseases, Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.
- 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, 2024.

### Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications relating to the recommendation 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, 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 103.13 – Infection Prevention and Control provides information and guidance to members to assist them in both controlling exposure to infection and the procedures to take if exposure occurs. As of December 31, 2024, the Service continues to comply with the policies and procedures defined within this General Order.

Infection control training continues 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.

Members of the Human Resources Unit have completed "Designated Officer" training in accordance with Part AI-004 of the Policing Standards Manual (2000) thereby ensuring adequate coverage and compliance with established responsibilities. Duty Inspectors also receive instruction and guidance on communicable exposure procedures to ensure members receive timely evaluation and follow-up.

Members are regularly 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. 470-2024.

### **Relevant Policy Considerations**

- General Order 103.13 – Infection Prevention and Control
- Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
- Policing Standards Manual (2000)

### **Other Pertinent Reports**

8.9 – 2024.05.23 - Annual Report – Communicable Diseases – January 1 to December 31, 2023

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### **Appendices**

Not applicable.