

Strengthening the Public Health System Through Partnership: Ontario FIORP

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Outline

- Ontario's Public Health System
- Canada's Foodborne Illness Outbreak Response Protocol (FIORP) 2010
- Ontario's Foodborne Illness Outbreak Response Protocol (ON-FIORP) 2013
- Food and Food Safety: Anticipating the Future

Ontario's Public Health System

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Public Health Division



**Dr. Arlene King,
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Our Vision

Ontarians are the healthiest people in the world supported by the best public health system in the world

Our Mission

To protect and promote the health of all people in Ontario through the delivery of quality public health programs and services, effective partnerships and a focus on health equity

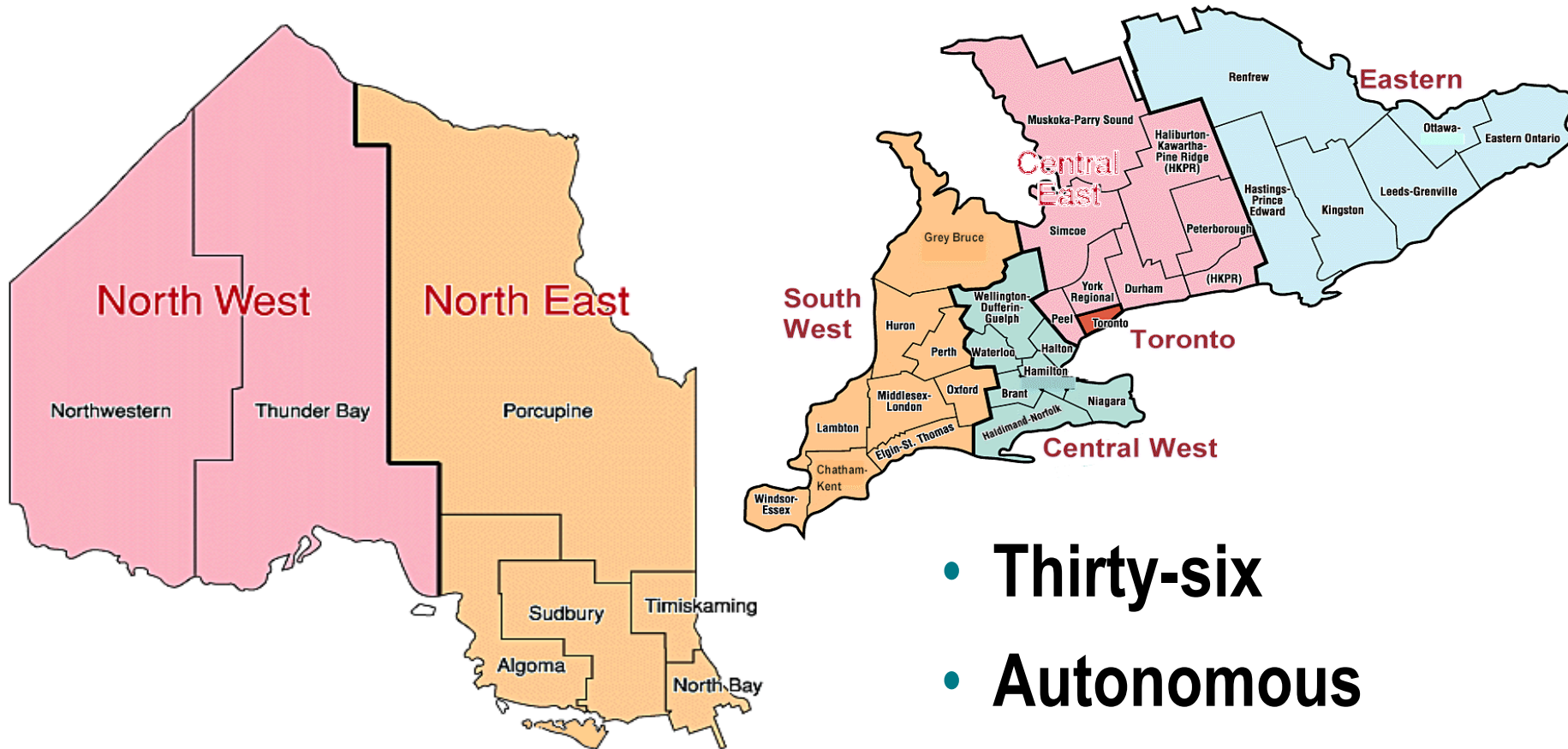


“We will only succeed if we have the right infrastructure, tools and supports, and the ability to work cohesively as a sector.”

Make No Little Plans, 2013

Ontario's Public Health System

Local Health Units



- **Thirty-six**
- **Autonomous**
- **Different**

Food Safety Legislation

Operators



Source: CRFA

Health Protection & Promotion Act (HPPA)

- Food Premises Regulation (Reg. 562)
- Local Bylaws

Local Health Units



Source: CIPHI

Health Protection & Promotion Act (HPPA)

- Ontario Public Health Standards

GOAL: To prevent or reduce the burden of foodborne illness

Ontario's Public Health System

Other Ministry and Agency Partners

- **Public Health Ontario (PHO)**
- **Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF)**
- **Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)**
- **Ministry of the Environment (MOE)**
- **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH)**
- **Ministry of Labour (MOL)**

Federal Partners in Food Safety

- **Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)**
- **Health Canada (HC)**
- **Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)**
 - **Canada's Foodborne Illness Outbreak Response Protocol (FIORP) 2010**

Foodborne Illness Outbreak Response in Canada

To guide a multi-jurisdictional response

- Collaboration and overall effectiveness of response
- Key guiding principles and operating procedures
- Establishes clear lines of communication
- Improves efficiency and effectiveness of response

...thereby protecting the health of Canadians

ON-FIORP

The purpose of the ON-FIORP is to set out the key guiding principles and operating procedures for the identification of and response during foodborne hazard and illness outbreaks in Ontario, involving the Parties, in order to:

- enhance collaboration and coordination among Parties;
- establish clear lines of communication and information sharing among Parties; and
- improve the efficiency and effectiveness of response, protecting the health of Ontarians

ON-FIORP

Roles and Responsibilities

Guiding Principles

Operating Procedures

- Surveillance Mechanism
- Identification
- Triggers
- Ontario Outbreak Investigation Coordinating Committee (ON-OICC)
- Public Health and Food Safety Actions
- Communication with the Public
- Post-Outbreak Debrief

Food and Food Safety: Anticipating the Future

- Improved surveillance systems
- Increased testing and reporting
- Capacity development at all levels of government
- Public expectation for improved food safety and transparency

Anticipating the Future

“Be the best at something that matters.”

Sheldon Levy

President and Vice-Chancellor

Ryerson University

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