What is public health?

Public health professionals work with individuals, families, municipalities and community partners to promote and protect health and to prevent disease. Algoma Public Health (APH) has over 200 dedicated public health professionals that work to keep our communities healthy.

Economic Impact in Algoma

Direct Labour Impact	
East Algoma	\$1.8 million
North Algoma	\$1.0 million
Sault Ste. Marie	\$10.4 million

Regional Spending	
East Algoma	\$0.3 million
North Algoma	\$0.1 million
Sault Ste. Marie	\$2.0 million

Staffing	
Blind River	11
Elliot Lake	13
Sault Ste. Marie	177
Wawa	9

In 2015:

- At least 14 of the 36 public health units in Ontario assessed their respective municipalities at least 30% of the total Public Health Cost Shared Program Funding.
- APH assessed their respective municipalities at 27% of the total Public Health Cost Shared Program Funding.
- The municipal cost per person for public health services is \$30.63 in 2015.

Sources of Funding



Algoma: A Snapshot Where we live



Sault Ste. Marie & area: 77,749
Elliot Lake: 11,789
Central Algoma: 9,826
North Shore of Algoma: 6,696
Unincorporated Algoma: 5,518
North Algoma: 4,780

In an effort to represent the most current data, Unicorporated Algoma population was extracted from Census Canada, 2012 while other data was taken from IntelliHFAITH ONTARIO.²

Mission

Together, with our communities, Algoma Public Health is a leader in promoting and protecting health and well-being.

We offer programs and services in:

- Addictions & Mental Health
- Disease and Illness
- Healthy Living
- Inspections & Environment
- Parent & Child
- Sexual Health

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Public Health at work in your community





Prevention

Providing information and services to help you make healthy living part of your daily life

In 2015, some examples of public health at work include:

- **7,393** children had dental screenings in elementary schools and daycares
- **8,120** flu shots administered
- 5,340 visits to our sexual health clinics
- 853 new mothers contacted by a public health nurse
- 11,253 mental health community and home visits
- 628 alcohol/drug assessment clients



Promotion

Helping our community learn about and manage the factors that can affect health.

Community partner initiatives related to children, youth, adults and seniors across the district of Algoma.

In 2015, some examples of public health at work include:

- Positive Parenting
- Walking Trails
- Diabetes Prevention
- Healthy Eating, Healthy Weights
- Tobacco Control
- Falls Prevention
- Workplace Wellness
- Healthy Schools



Protection

Protecting our community from injuries and the spread of disease.

In 2015, some examples of public health at work include:

- **149** inspections of public pools and spas
- 40 investigations of outbreaks at health care and school settings
- **555** people certified with food handlers education
- 89 clients received an initial quit smoking assessment
- **715** restaurants inspected by public health inspectors
- 712 inspections for Ontario Smoke-Free legislation
- **221** investigations of rabies
- **244** consultations of private water systems
- **74** inspections of small drinking water systems
- **142** inspections of long-term care homes, group homes and daycares

