### Public Health and Emergency Services

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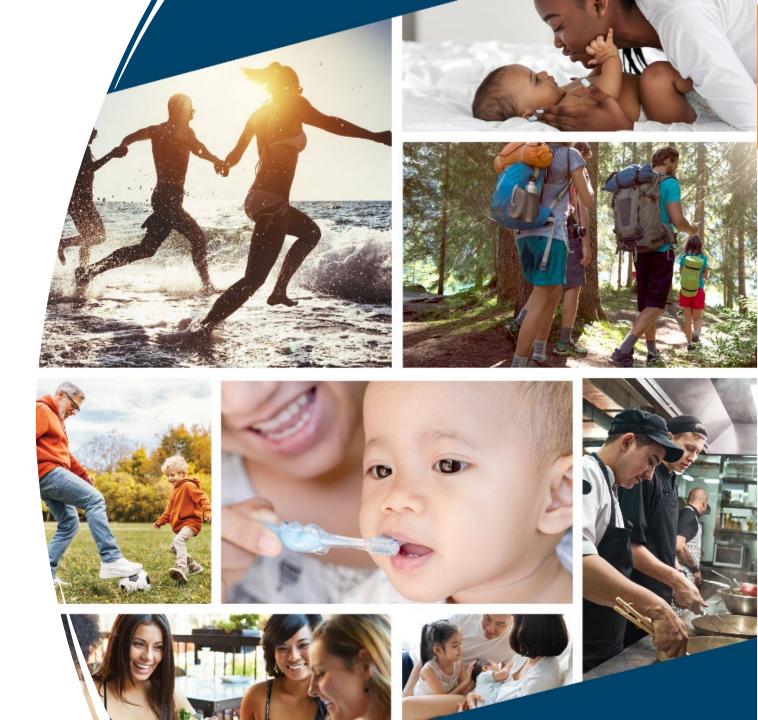
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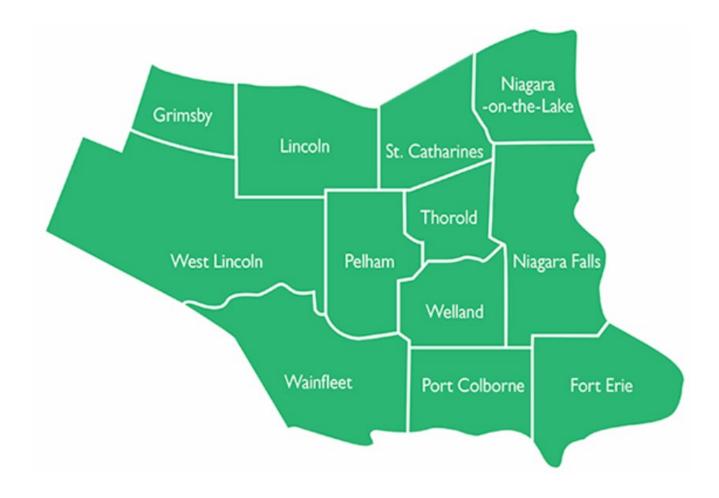




Connected to you in more ways than you think...



#### Where We Provide Services







### **Scope of Services**

Here are a few statistics that showcase the scope of our work across the region



**30,171** Vaccinations administered



15,007
Inspections completed



20,525
Elementary school dental screenings



18,000
Mental health face-to-face visits



**99,625** 911 responses





#### What is Public Health?

Keeping Niagara healthy by providing equitable health services and information that support community well-being and prevent illness



**Promotes** 



**Protects** 



**Prevents** 





# Public Health services that we provide across the region...







### Healthy Children and Families

- Prenatal and postnatal care, breastfeeding support, home visits, and parenting classes
- Support student health in schools across Niagara





#### **Dental Health**

Free dental screening, preventive care, and mobile clinics for children, youth, and eligible seniors.

#### In Port Colborne:

- Mobile clinic at Vale Centre every 3 months
- Visits to daycares & EarlyON twice a year
- Annual dental screening at all local schools





#### **Vaccination Services**

- Free routine vaccines for infants, children, youth, and adults living in Niagara
- School-based clinics for Grade 7 students and secondary students who received Immunization Record Reminder Notices





### Safe and Healthy Communities

Programs supporting community health across Niagara:

- Targeted outreach for high-priority groups
- Mental health services
- Sexual health services
- Health promotion education
- Tobacco control, prevention and cessation





### Safe Food, Water and Environment

- Inspection of food premises, personal service settings, recreational water facilities (i.e. pools and beaches)
- Food handler training
- Well and cistern water testing
- Monitor/prevent vector-borne disease risks (i.e. Lyme disease, rabies, West Nile Virus)





### Infection Control Investigations

- Outbreak and disease management
- Infection control investigations
- Inspections of retirement and longterm care facilities
- Outbreak management in congregate care settings



## Niagara Emergency Medical Services (EMS)



#### What is EMS?

Saving lives and improving health by delivering responsive, highquality emergency care and community-based services across Niagara.



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Responds

**Treats** 

**Supports** 



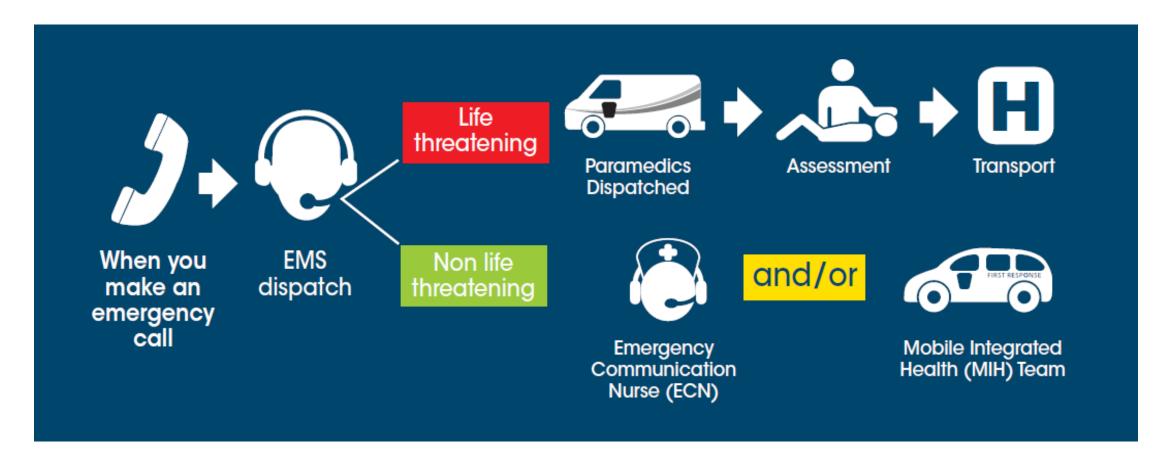


### **EMS** in Niagara

- Emergency response and transport
- Dispatch and communication
- Mobile Integrated Health (MIH)
- Community paramedicine
- Specialized community programs
- Regional emergency management



### **EMS Patient Journey**







### Mobile Integrated Health (MIH)

Patient-centred health care visits that are:

- Delivered in the patient's home or where they're at
- Based on the patient's needs and preventative services
- Available 24/7



### **MIH Response Teams**

- Mental Health and Addictions Response Team (MHART)
- Falls Intervention Team (FIT)
- Community Assessment and Referral Team (CARE)
- Street Outreach Team
- Palliative Care Team





# Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care

- On-site urgent care, assessments in long-term care
- Reduce unnecessary emergency department visits, hospital admissions
- Improves resident safety by delivering care in familiar environment





Keeping you healthy where you live, learn, work and play







### Thank you!

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