

# Suite of Reports by Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada 2017-2025

## Reports from the Chief Public Health Officer

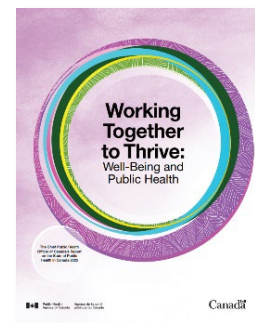
The [Public Health Agency of Canada Act](#) requires that the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) submit an annual report to the Minister of Health on the state of public health in Canada. These reports are on critical public health topics.

All of the CPHO's reports are evidence-based and involve extensive partner and stakeholder engagement, collaboration, and reviews. They provide in-depth insight on critical public health topics, supported by the most up-to-date data and synthesis of current natural and social sciences. They also provide a way forward to improve the health of Canadians.

A dashboard of public health indicators is also updated regularly as part of the CPHO's annual reporting on the [health of people in Canada](#).

Annual reports are accompanied by companion documents and resources produced by the Chief Science Officer (CSO) to bridge the science-to-policy gap and stimulate further scientific activity and research.

The 2025 CPHO of Canada report [Working Together to Thrive: Well-Being and Public Health](#) is Dr. Theresa Tam's final report and builds on themes from previous reports and speaks to the overall purpose of public health to achieve optimal health and well-being for all people in Canada.

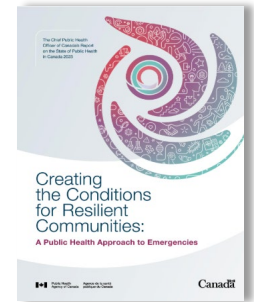


## Chief Public Health Officer of Canada's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2024: Realizing the Future of Vaccination for Public Health

Vaccination is a critical tool to help protect the health of people in Canada. This report highlights the past and present role of vaccines in population health and presents a vision for an ideal future of vaccination in Canada. It builds on themes of equity, intersectoral approaches, and community engagement from previous annual CPHO reports.

## Chief Public Health Officer of Canada's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2023: Creating the Conditions for Resilient Communities: A Public Health Approach to Emergencies

From COVID-19 to extreme weather events, emergencies are becoming a part of our daily lives. This report explores the inequitable health impacts of emergencies. It highlights opportunities for public health to contribute to emergency management through the essential public health functions, particularly health promotion approaches that can support equity and resilience.



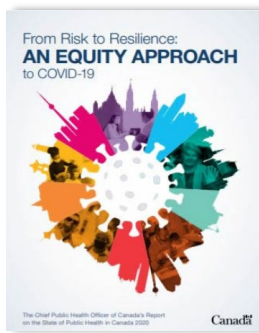
## Chief Public Health Officer of Canada's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2022: Mobilizing Public Health Action on Climate Change in Canada

Climate change is already affecting the health of people living in Canada. This report focuses on the impacts of climate change in Canada and the role that public health systems can play in taking climate action. It builds on the 2021 CPHO Annual Report by presenting the possibilities of what a strengthened and resilient public health system can do in the face of complex and urgent public health challenges.

## Chief Public Health Officer of Canada's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2021: A Vision to Transform Canada's Public Health System

The COVID-19 pandemic is the biggest public health crisis we have faced in a century. This report describes the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and provides a forward-looking vision to transform Canada's public health system, in order for it to excel and be better prepared for the next public health crisis.





### Chief Public Health Officer's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2020: From risk to resilience – An equity approach to COVID-19

This report describes the heavy toll that the COVID-19 pandemic had on Canadian society, both directly and through the steps taken to mitigate its effect. Through this challenging time, there was incredible collaboration across sectors and between individuals, community organizations, businesses, governments and scientists. This report suggested opportunities to build on this collaboration to strengthen our nation's preparedness for future public health emergencies. In doing so, we can build a stronger society for all Canadians.

### Chief Public Health Officer's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2019: Addressing Stigma - Towards a More Inclusive Health System

By and large, we are a healthy nation. We can be proud of Canada's health and social systems that contribute to this status. From this position of strength, we have an even greater opportunity to lead the world in health status and to ensure all Canadians can achieve optimal health. This annual report provides a snapshot of key public health trends and shines a light on one of the drivers of health inequities: stigma.



### Chief Public Health Officer of Canada's Spotlight Report 2019: Preserving Antibiotics Now and Into the Future

While not a CPHO annual report, this Spotlight report by Dr. Theresa Tam shines light on the importance of using antibiotics responsibly in human medicine. Discover how unnecessary antibiotic use contributes to antibiotic resistance, why unnecessary use sometimes happens, and what we can do about it.

## Chief Public Health Officer's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2018: Preventing Problematic Substance Use in Youth Report

There will never be just one answer to this ever-shifting issue of problematic substance use. In Canada, we address substance use across all areas of potential action: prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery. Dr. Tam's aim with this report is to draw attention to the central role of prevention. As important initiatives like the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy advance, this report can help to inform these collective efforts to prevent substance use from becoming problematic.



## Chief Public Health Officer's Spotlight on Eliminating Tuberculosis in Canada

While not an annual CPHO report, this Spotlight report examines tuberculosis (TB) which is the epitome of inequity in public health; it is a social disease with a medical aspect.

## Chief Public Health Officer's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2017 - Designing Healthy Living

Without being aware of it, our neighbourhoods and how they are built influence how healthy we are. Dr. Tam chose designing healthy living as the topic for her first report as Canada's Chief Public Health Officer because of the tremendous potential that changing our built environment has for helping Canadians live healthier lives.



For more information or to collaborate on mobilizing CPHO reports in your community we invite you to reach the Public Health Agency of Canada's Ontario Regional Office at email [phckm-cspgs-ontario@phac-aspc.gc.ca](mailto:phckm-cspgs-ontario@phac-aspc.gc.ca)